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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The following action was taken at the General Assembly held in Cincinnati, in 1850, in regard to *The Record*, then called, *The Home and Foreign Record*.

Resolved, As the action of the last General Assembly has resulted in the establishment of *The Home and Foreign Record*, that paper is hereby recommended, and the ministers and churches are urged to exert themselves to place it in every family, as the organ, indirectly, of the Church, on many important subjects.

The Assembly held in Philadelphia, 1853,

Resolved, That it be recommended to all our pastors to endeavour to increase the circulation of *The Home and Foreign Record*, the organ of the Boards of the Church, in order that our churches may be better acquainted with their respective plans and operations, and be induced to contribute more liberally towards their support.

The Assembly held at Nashville, Tennessee, in 1855,

Resolved, That our ministers and elders be earnestly exhorted to secure a wider circulation to *The Home and Foreign Record*, now published at so reduced a price as to make it accessible to the poorest member of our Church.

The Assembly held at New York, in 1856,

Resolved, That while the Assembly finds so much cause for gratitude and encouragement in the prosperity and usefulness of this Board, and so much to commend in the energy and economy with which its affairs have been conducted, it cannot forbear to give utterance to the painful feelings which are caused by the fact that there are still very many churches which

have not, as yet, contributed anything to the Colporteur funds of the Board, and that there are still so many families in our Church who do not take either *The Home and Foreign Record* or *The Sabbath-School Visitor*. The Assembly reiterates its earnest exhortations to our ministers and ruling elders to endeavour to secure a more general circulation of these papers among the members of our Church.

The Assembly held at Lexington, Kentucky, in 1857,

Resolved, That while the Assembly is highly gratified at the increasing patronage extended from every part of the Church to *The Home and Foreign Record* and *The Sabbath-School Visitor*, yet it regrets to learn that there is still a large proportion of its families and members who do not receive these periodicals. The Assembly would therefore earnestly recommend its ministers and sessions to use all practicable means to extend the circulation of these important papers in their respective vicinities.—*Minutes*, p. 25.

Moreover, on the first Sunday evening of every month, or on other occasions, and from time to time, let the people hear from their minister a detailed account of our various Foreign Missions in succession, with a description of the religious condition of the people, and the beginning and progress of the Church's work among them. That to this end our ministers take pains themselves carefully to read *The Home and Foreign Record* and *Foreign Missionary*, so far as to know what is being done by our missionaries; and that they also further the circulation and encourage the reading of these publications in their congregations.—P. 21.

The Assembly held at Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1859,

Resolved, That the Assembly would especially commend *The Home and Foreign Record* to a more general patronage throughout the Church; trusting that in its diligent perusal, members of the communion might catch more of the spirit of missions and of Christian benevolence so richly pervading its columns. They also recommend *The Sabbath-school Visitor* as a most excellent publication to be circulated through our Sabbath-schools and among the children of our charge.—*Minutes*, p. 545.

The Assembly held at Cincinnati, in 1867,

Resolved, That it be enjoined upon the Presbyteries under the care of this General Assembly, to recommend in the most earnest manner the introduction of *The Home and Foreign Record* into every congregation within their bounds, and that the sessions of churches subtract from the aggregate of their annual subscriptions a sufficient amount to place *The Record* in the hands of all our families and pewholders.—*Minutes*, p. 319.

And the Assembly held in New York, in 1869,

Resolved, That it exhorts our church sessions and Sabbath-school superintendants to promote the increasing circulation of *The Record* and of *The Sabbath-school Visitor*, particularly in those churches which do not now take those periodicals.—*Minutes*, p. 899.

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No. 1.

BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

OUR TREASURY.—We are happy to be able to inform our readers that we have this day, (Dec. 15th,) paid one-half, (\$5000,) of the money borrowed from the bank, and we have now no doubt that we shall be able to pay the remainder, which will become due a month hence.

All the missionaries have been punctually paid as they have reported, and we shall, we trust, be able to meet all our obligations promptly.

But while the facts above stated are encouraging, they should not relax the efforts of our friends to increase their contributions. The amount contributed by the churches during the first nine months of the present fiscal year, instead of being double, has not reached more than one-third as compared with the amount contributed during the same period last year. The increase up to the 1st of Dec. amounted to about 30 per cent. Unless the churches, therefore, which are yet to be heard from, more than double their contributions, the Board will not be able to do half the work which is demanded of it.

To Missionaries.

A small fund having been placed in our hands to furnish missionaries with "*Hodge in the Atonement*," those who have not already been supplied, will please make their wants known to the Treasurer of the Board, 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia. To save unnecessary correspondence, we will add, that if any should apply and not receive a copy of the work, it will be because the fund has been exhausted.

Gracious Outpouring of the Holy Spirit at New Market, Ky.

The readers of the *Record* will, no doubt, be delighted to learn that the Lord has granted a very gracious and precious visitation of his Holy Spirit to the people of the above named place.

The village is situated in the southwest part of Marion county, and near the base of a long range of hills called Muldraugh's Hills, which forms the dividing line between what is called the "Green River Country," and the other part of the state of Kentucky. Some twenty-five years ago there was a small New School church organized at this point. It flourished a few years under the ministry, first of Rev. T. H. Cleland, and then of Rev. S. W. Nicholls. Then they were without

a preacher for a good while, and the organization finally was broken up by the death and removal of the members. For nearly ten years past there has been very little preaching of any kind in the village or neighbourhood, and the people have been without a Sabbath-school or prayer-meeting; and many of the children and older persons have been accustomed to spend the holy Sabbath in hunting, fishing, and such like amusements.

There is a considerable Catholic element in this part of the country, and they have a school and chapel not far from the village.

Within a few weeks past the people about the village (not professors of religion) have shown a strong desire to have preaching, and to repair the old church building, which is greatly out of repair.

Rev. Dr. Cleland, above named, who is pastor of the Assembly Church at Lebanon, and who occasionally preaches in the neighbourhood, informed the district missionary of the state of things in and around the village. Immediately it was agreed that Dr. Cleland and the missionary should hold a series of services there. The time was set and appointments forwarded to begin on Friday before the fourth Sabbath of October.

The services were begun at the time mentioned; everything seemed propitious. Weather mild and pleasant, roads in fine order, and nights bright and clear. People came out in numbers from far and near. Numbers of them walking night after night a long distance.

Quite a number of Catholics were present time and again. It was soon manifest that the Spirit of God was there. People were deeply solemn, and the attention was very marked and earnest. Many were deeply impressed. We are unable to know how many were made subjects of saving mercy and grace.

The meetings were held morning and evening for fifteen days, and at the close the people seemed very loath to have services close.

The results so far are as follows: A church organized with thirty-four members, of which only six had been in the former church above named. Sixteen heads of families, male and female, were added. A prayer-meeting was established, and measures taken to repair the house of worship, and steps are being taken to revive the Sabbath-school. Such is the goodness of God to this needy part of his own heritage. To His name be all the praise.

J. T. L.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 20th, 1868.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN NOVEMBER, 1868.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—New Scotland ch 60; West Milton ch 8 30; Charleston ch 11 50; Johnstown eh 100; Princeton ch 24; Bethlehem ch 17 40; Kingsborough ch 78 15. *Pby of Mohawk*—Park Central ch 200; Oswego 1st ch 301 25. *Pby of Troy*—Second Street ch. Troy 247 63 \$1048 23

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Mission Sab-sch; Wyoming ch 100; East Aurora ch 20. *Pby of Genesee River*—Warsaw ch 111, of which 5 from Mrs P.D. Brown and 3 25 from "Lizzie and Eddie for Jesus" their pennies for three months; Central ch, Geneseo 41 46; Groveland ch 20; Portageville ch 20 16; Moscow ch 50. *Pby of Ogdensburg*—Hammond ch 31. *Pby of Rochester City*—Port Byron ch 73 44, of which 20 from Sab-sch, and 20 mo con; Rochester 3d ch 181 35 970 41

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Bureau*—Rock Island 1st ch 50; Bethel ch 10; New Boston ch 6 05; Aledo 1st ch 13 60; Andover ch 5; Camden ch 13; Pleasant Ridge ch 7; Millersburg ch 15. *Pby of Chicago*—Marengo ch 19; Manteno ch 43 75, of which 1 80 contents of a little boy's (C.A.S.) Miss'y box; Fullerton Av ch, Chicago 50; Jefferson Park ch, Chicago 130; Twenty-eight St ch, Chicago 10 50; Queen Ana Ger ch 5 10. *Pby of Rock River*—Spring Valley ch 10; Middle Creek ch 16 75; Sterling ch 87; Ridott ch 10. *Pby of Schuyler*—Ebenezer ch 24; Camp Creek ch 16; Ipava ch 22. *Pby of Warren*—John Knox ch 16; Oquawka ch 3, of which 75 cts from Sab-sch; Monmouth ch 96 75; Galesburg ch 31; North Henderson ch 16 20 726 70

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SYNOD OF KENTUCKY—*Pby of Transylvania*—Lebanon ch 15 00

SYNOD OF MISSOURI—*Pby of Lafayette*—Sugar Creek ch 13 50; Knob Noster ch 5 25. *Pby of Palmyra*—Macon City and Callao chs 10; Brookfield ch 20, of which 5 75 from Rev. J P Finley and wife. *Pby of Potosi*—Brazeau ch 6; Irondale ch 10. *Pby of St Louis*—Emanuel ch 15; Carr Place ch, St Louis 20. *Pby of Southwest Missouri*—Neosho ch 7; Deep Water ch 7 113 75

SYNOD OF NASHVILLE—*Pby of New Orleans*—First Ger ch, New Orleans 75; 2d Ger ch, New Orleans 12 50 87 50

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY—*Pby of Burlington*—Mt Holly ch 109; Burlington ch 63; Columbus ch 10. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—New Providence ch 40; Baskingridge ch 92. *Pby of Luzerne*—Wilkes-Barre ch 111; Mahonoy City ch 53 13; Pittston ch 200, of which 100 from the Sab-sch. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Princeton 1st ch 100; Trenton 4th ch 101; Ewing ch 65 75; South Amboy ch 72 35, of which 35 from the Sab-sch; Princeton 2d ch 78 44; Trenton 1st ch 35. *Pby of Newton*—Hackettstown ch 367 45; Phillipsburg ch 23 73; Oxford 2d ch 75; Upper Mt Bethel ch 9 85; Yellow Frame ch 29. *Pby of Passaic*—Morristown 1st ch, add'l 55; Elizabeth 2d ch 214 55; Wickliffe ch 26 77; Central ch, Orange 114; Newark 3d ch 189 24. *Pby of Raritan*—Amwell United 1st ch 24; Clinton ch 16 58; Milford ch 29 25; Flemington ch 205; Kingswood ch 40 63, of which 10 from the Sab-sch. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Canton ch 13; Wyalusing ch 8; Herrick ch 2; Orwell ch 18 80; Troy ch 34 32; Towanda ch 115. *Pby of West Jersey*—Cedarville 1st ch 82 35, of which 30 from Sab-sch; West Sab-sch, of Bridgeton 1st ch 25; Cape Island ch 13; Clayton ch, in part 69 84; Salem ch 112; Waterford ch 4 3389 06

SYNOD OF NEW YORK—*Pby of Connecticut*—Hartford 1st ch 65; Bridgeport ch 152; Red Mills ch 15 15; Port Chester ch 30; North Salem ch 9; Croton Falls ch 18 50; Bedford ch 81 25, of which 10 from Sab-sch. *Pby of Hudson*—Co-

heeton ch 5 25; Florida ch 19; Hopewell ch 36; Goshen ch 92 80. *Pby of Long Island*—Huntington South ch 29 65; Southampton ch 194 37, of which 61 mo con coll; Middletown ch 21 60. *Pby of Nassau*—Brooklyn 2d ch 210; German ch, Williamsburg 5; Wallabout ch 16. *Pby of New York*—Chelsea ch 24 51; Rutgers ch 43; Brick (Mission) ch 35; Pott's Memorial ch 50; Alexander ch 19 34; 1st ch, Edgewater, Staten Island 173 28; Forty-second St ch 137; Weehawken ch 10. *Pby of New York* 2d—Westminster ch, Yonkers 37, of which 25 from Sab-sch. *Pby of North River*—Rondout ch 200; Hughsonville ch 20; Bethlehem ch 16 2064 70

SYNOD OF N. INDIANA—*Pby of Crawfordsville*—Crawfordsville ch 25 50; Bethany ch 30; Eugene ch 5; Newcastle ch 20. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—Bluffton ch 5 20; New Lancaster ch 4 45; Wabash 2d ch 28 59; Roanoke ch 10. *Pby of Lake*—La Porte 1st ch 17 43. *Pby of Logansport*—Sugar Creek ch 10 50; Jefferson ch 7 90; Frankfort ch 21 50; Perrysburg ch 14, of which 5 50 from Mission Station, and 2 30 from the Pastor; Logansport ch 73 91; Lexington ch 26 60; Centre ch 1 23; Rock Creek ch 13 27; Monticello ch 12. *Pby of Muncie*—Muncie 1st ch 22 348 99

SYNOD OF OHIO—*Pby of Columbus*—Lancaster 1st ch 21. *Pby of Marion*—Marseilles ch 7 05; Bucyrus ch 74 33; Salem ch 10; Marysville ch 12 63; York ch 7 20; Delaware ch 30. *Pby of Richland*—Olivesburg ch 9 65; Milford ch 7 50; Waterford ch 13 87; Ashland ch 50 56; Clear Fork ch 5 50; Perrysville ch 22 25. *Pby of Wooster*—Holmanville ch 20; Orville ch 3; Canal Fulton ch 7 03; Millersburg ch 14; Shreve ch 8; West Salem ch 8; Nashville ch 5 75; Apple Creek ch 20 45; Fredericksburg ch 83. *Pby of Zanesville*—Duncan's Falls ch 11 23; Bristol ch 5 457 04

SYNOD OF PACIFIC—*Pby of California*—Contra Costa ch, add'l 14 00

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA—*Pby of Donegal*—Strasburg ch 52; Waynesburg ch 150 50; Free ch of Coleraine 8 42; Union ch, in part 50; Pine Grove ch 7 53; Lancaster ch, add'l 68; Pequea ch 100. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Shaver's Creek ch 24 58, of which 13 33 from Mrs Nancy Thompson; Spruce Creek ch 738, of which from Spruce Creek Sab-sch 15; Bald Eagle ch 8 19; Shade Gap ch 8 50; Milesburg ch 8; Birmingham ch 95 82; Hollidaysburg ch, semi-annual col 106 45; Fruit Hill ch 15; Tyrone ch 57 33; Sinking Valley ch 114 26; Beulah ch 18 30. *Pby of New Castle*—Wilmington 1st ch 17; Newark ch, add'l 16; Forks of Brandywine ch 111 70; Lower Brandywine ch 22 70; New Castle ch, from Mrs Dr Conper 30, Louisa Johnson 1, Mrs Cannon 1, Mrs Alricks 1, Mrs Carpenter 1, Mrs Danforth 2, Mrs Dr Black 1, Miss Darragh 1, Mrs Kennedy 10, James Truss 5, John Johns 10, Mrs Spruance 6, Miss Scofield 5, Wm Conper and family 71, John Janvier 5, Miss Kincaid 2 50 = 152 50; Downingtown Central ch 60. *Pby of Northumberland*—Moorestown ch, Fem Missy Soc'y 6 10; Northumberland ch 5; Grove ch 155, of which 50 from Sab-sch; Brier Creek ch 14; New Columbia ch 6; Mifflinsburg ch 20; Mahoning ch, Danville 144 60; Hartleton ch 8 55; New Berlin 1st ch 14 85; Williamsport ch, from Dr A Hepburn 10. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Tenth ch, a Lady member 20; 9th ch 80; 7th ch, from Miss C H 10, Sab-sch, add'l 75 10 = 85 10; West Spruce St ch, add'l 748 91, of which G S Benson 2 0, Chas H Grant 100, Robert B Potter 25, Herman J Loubert 50, Geo Junkin 50, Morris Patterson 50, Chas O Abbey 25, Gen Clement A Finley 2; Woodland ch 375. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Spring Garden ch 767 73, of which Jas Cowden 100, J McDowell, Jr 5 1, G C 100, Jas Russell 10, Mrs J Russell 10, Willie Russell 5, H H Shillingford 10, L E Sayre 5, F B A 5, G K A 50, W R G 75, M F 5; Princeton ch, W Phila 118 12; Great Valley ch 43 15; Kensington ch 20 2d ch, Phila 113 45; West Arch St ch 67 20; Alexander ch 85 25; Cohoocksin ch Sab-sch 39 60. *Pby of Philadelphia* 2d—Slattington ch 40; Germantown 1st ch 1,453 68; Easton 1st ch 100; Neshaminy ch Sab-sch 5; Union meeting of Port Kennedy and Providence chs 56, of which 1 from John M Pierson; Allen Township ch 78; Holmesburg ch,

add'l 21, of which 15 from Sab-sch; Conshohocken ch 45, of which 10 from Sab-sch, 5 mo con. and 5 Chas Gilpin; Bensalem ch 38 67, of which 9 from Sab-sch; Abington ch 42; Germantown 2d ch 808 11 7,824 15

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—New Alexandria ch 91, of which 12 86 from Sab-sch; Livermore ch 22 70; Salem ch 22; Black Lick ch 10 50; Cross Roads ch 40; Murrysville ch 22 85. *Pby of Clarion*—Clarion ch 68 70; New Rehoboth ch 50; Pisgah ch 10; Perry ch 10; Licking ch, add'l 15 24. *Pby of Ohio*—Pittsburgh Central ch 370; Shady Side ch 157 48; Canonsburgh ch Sab-sch 8 50; Pittsburgh 1st ch 852 65; Montours ch 28 75; Bellefield ch 27 65. *Pby of Redstone*—Dunlap's Creek ch and New Salem 50; Round Hill ch 70; Rehoboth ch, bequest of Lide J Wilson 50; Sewickley ch 43 15; West Newton ch 26; Brownsville ch 31; Long Run ch 30. *Pby of Saltsburg*—Bethesda ch 6; Mt Pleasant ch 16; Elderton ch 6 2,166 89

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of St Paul*—Big Dam ch 4; Mission field of Rev Richard Davies 3 40; Rockford ch 9 50; St Cloud 1st ch 7; Hudson 1st ch 13 25; Medina ch 5. *Pby of S Minnesota*—Austin ch 17; Jackson ch 5 64 15

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Findlay*—Findlay 1st ch 147 75. *Pby of Maumee*—Delta ch 5; West Bethesda ch 6. *Pby of Michigan*—Westminster ch. Grand Rapids 30. *Pby of Western Reserve*—Westminster ch, Cleveland 30 31, of which 3 81 from Sab-sch 219 06

SYNOD OF S. IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—Corydon ch 10; Albia ch 8; Knoxville ch 22 50; Chariton ch 17; Des Moines ch 61 50. *Pby of Fairfield*—Salina ch 7 50; Brighton ch 1 50; Kirkville ch 3; Summit ch 9; Birmingham ch 42; Washington ch 17 50; Bethel ch 7 50. *Pby of Iowa*—Unity ch 6; Oakland ch 5; West Point ch 14 50; Pilot Grove ch 7 50. *Pby of Missouri River*—Plattsmouth ch 28 15

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—East Palestine ch 4 25; Pleasant Valley ch 10; East Liverpool ch 10. *Pby of St Clairsville*—Bellair ch 50, of which 22 50 from Sab-sch; Morristown ch 15; Mt Pleasant ch 56 60. *Pby of Steubenville*—East Springfield ch 25; Bacon Ridge ch 33; Cross Creek ch 12; Pleasant Hill ch 30; Bethlehem ch 17; Waynesburg ch 23; Big Spring ch 11; New Hagerstown ch 42; Fairmount ch 6; Steubenville 1st ch 135 67; Urichsville ch 12. *Pby of Washington*—Fairview ch 24 25; Frankfort ch 17 60, of which 4 60 from the Sab-sch; Wheeling 3d ch 21; Upper Ten Mile ch 23 80; Liberty ch 44; Buffalo ch 15 50; Claysville ch 47 10; 1st ch Wheeling 111 50; New Cumberland ch 51 50. *Pby of West Virginia*—Morgantown ch 33 32; French Creek ch 19; Buckhannon ch 1; Hugh's River ch 7 70; Parkersburg ch 27 938 79

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Oakland ch 10. *Pby of Milwaukee*—Richfield Ger ch 4; North ch, Milwaukee 175. *Pby of Winnebago*—Kilbourn City ch 35; Mayville Ger ch 6; Weyauwega ch 5 235 00

Total receipts from churches, \$24,997 54

LEGACY.—Patterson Estate, Pittsburgh. Pa 123 09

MISCELLANEOUS.—“H S B and wife” 10; Geo Blake, Esq, Scranton, Pa 25; Miss Jane R Wilson, Shippensburg, Pa 10; “P,” Danville, Ky 10; “A Friend,” N J 40; Nehemiah Choate, Esq, Derry, N H 50; Six months interest on the Permanent Missionary Fund from the Trustees of the General Assembly 502 32; “A Friend,” Port Deposit, Md 3; “P E M,” Lewistown, Pa 2 50; “E F M,” Chillicothe, Ohio 10; “Outsiders and Insiders” of Columbus Grove, Ohio 20; “B M,” Phila 1; Rev Jos Platt, Raleigh, N C 10; Jas Myers, Esq, Columbia, Pa 100; Mr S Nye Hutchinson, Salt Point, N Y 2; Mr Robt W Pitkin, Grundy Centre, Iowa 2; “E S H,” Phila 6; “F B,” Cincinnati, Ohio 10; Robt O Colt, Esq, Babylon, N Y 100; “Home Missions” 5; Capt Jno Laughlin and wife, Phila 10; “A widow's thank offering” 5; Clear Creek, Pres ch and Sab sch, Col Ter 20; “U,” Muscatine, Iowa 1; M H Smith, Elizabeth, Pa 5; “Q R” 50; “Mrs

M S,” Phila 2 50; Mrs M W Paxton, Princeton, Ind 10; “D R S” 5; Mrs E E Townsend, Painted Post, N Y 5; “G S W” 15; Jas Hay 25; Rev J M Hunting, Jamaica, L I 3; Jas Russel, North Jackson, Ohio 10 1,085 32

Total Receipts in November, 1868, \$26,295 95

S. D. POWEL, Treasurer,
No. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

The Treasurer also acknowledges a special contribution of \$50 from “E E” to furnish missionaries of the Board with “Hodge on the Atonement.”

CLOTHING.

2 boxes from the ladies of the 1st Pres ch, Morristown, N J, valued at \$475 00

1 box from the ladies of Park ch, Erie, Pa, valued at 217 11

2 boxes from the ladies of Burlington Pres ch, N J, valued at 174 00

2 barrels from the ladies of Forty-second St ch, N Y City, value not given.

1 box from the ladies of the 1st ch New Brunswick, N J, valued at 225 00

1 box from the ladies of the Pres ch Rye, N Y, valued at 400 00

1 box from the ladies of the 1st ch Germantown, Pa, valued at 275 00

1 box from the ladies of Shady Side ch, (near Pittsburgh), Pa, valued at 130 00

1 box from the ladies of Warsaw ch, N Y, valued at 185 00

1 box from the ladies of Great Valley Pres ch, Pa, valued at 156 00

1 box from the ladies of the 1st ch Easton, Pa, valued at 260 00

1 box from the ladies of Goshen ch, N Y, valued at 325 00

1 box from the ladies of Sterling ch, Ill, valued at 70 00

1 box from the Missionary Society of Spruce Creek ch, Pa, valued at 123 22

1 box from the ladies of Kingston ch, Pa, valued at 227 00

1 box from the ladies of Sewickley ch, Pa, valued at 230 00

1 box from the ladies' Missionary Society of Upper Octorara ch, Pa, valued at 142 39

1 box from the ladies of Hollidaysburg ch, Pa, value not given.

1 box from the ladies of Greenwich ch, N J, valued at 80 00

2 boxes from the ladies of Westminster ch, Elizabeth, N J, valued at 450 00

1 box from the ladies' Benevolent Society of the Pres ch, Southampton, N Y, valued at 119 00

1 box from the ladies of the 1st Pres ch, Allegheny, Pa, valued at 385 00

1 box from the ladies of Sparta 2d ch, N Y, valued at 125 00

1 box from the ladies of Lycoming ch, Pa, valued at 75 00

1 box from the Presbyterian Society of Bridge Hampton, N Y, value not given.

\$1,589 63

260 Psalms and Hymn Books from the Second St ch, Troy, N Y, for missionary churches, value not given.

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No. 907 ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

Cor. Sec. pro tem.—Rev. G. W. MUSGRAVE, D.D.

Treasurer—SAMUEL D. POWEL

LETTERS relating to Missionary Appointments and other operations of the Board, should be addressed to the Corresponding Secretary, No. 907 Arch street, Philadelphia. Letters relating to the pecuniary affairs of the Board, or containing remittances of money, should be sent to S. D. POWEL, Esq, Treasurer—same address.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTEROUS, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.—HAB. iii. 2.

In the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.—Hos. i. 10.

We Must be a Missionary Church.

This number of the RECORD will be read by tens of thousands of readers as a preparation for the “Week of Prayer,” in January. Let us go deeper than the mere excitement of a certain amount of flitting emotion, or the consideration of the limited wants, which now press upon us.

I. A WORLD IS TO BE CONVERTED.

Three millions a month—one hundred thousand since this time yesterday—is the number of responsible immortal beings hurried before the bar of God, the most of them in their sins.

All continents and nations are stretching out their hands for the gospel—Spain, Russia, Italy, Austria; China, Siam, India, Burmah, Syria; numerous tribes around the coast, and in the newly-discovered interior of Africa; Brazil, Colombia, Chili, Paraguay, New Grenada; wretched convulsed Mexico; a score of our own Territories and States, rich with incalculable treasures of gold and precious metals, prolific as yet of as much evil as of good; a multitude of ripe fields over all our land.

God, with irresistible power, and with amazing rapidity, is removing the barriers to free access to all nations.

The heavens and the earth are awake with the manifestations of the approach of the kingdom of Him who shall fill the earth with his glory.

These are some of the first elements, in the question of obligation, which must be kept before the Christian mind and heart.

II. WHAT IS WANTED?

1. Prayer—intelligent prayer, with the facts, by reading, personal examination, and reflection, brought clearly before the mind; anxious prayer, feeling the burden of the doom of the impenitent; believing prayer, knowing and trusting fully in the Almighty arm and the infinite love of Him who has appointed prayer as a means to the performance of His glorious purposes of mercy; sincere prayer, seeking counsel and strength to do fully our own individual share in the great work.

2. Faithfulness in the administration of the trust of property. Every man to give one-tenth of his income to the Lord. This is to be multiplied as the Lord prospers him. The responsibility for this trust to be realized, and taught, and preached, until faithfulness to it shall be the rule and practice of the whole church.

3. Consecration of personal effort. There is something for every man and woman to do, and every man and woman should do something. The young must be taught to feel that life in whatsoever walk is to be Christ's? The brightest, most pious,

most strong, must have the call of the Master for their services as heralds of His kingdom sounded in their ears. Parents must be sincere when they give a child to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost in baptism. The rising generation must be trained to look, and to labour, for the establishment on all the earth of a Divine reign of righteousness, joy, and peace.

III. How great THE INTESTE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION in these things. The harvest is indeed great; great as it never was before, ripe as it never was before, accessible as it never was before, and trampled, alas, by powers of evil, wars, intemperance, crime. But the labourers are so few as to fill the sincere Christian soul with great distress, and fear of the wrath and judgment of God. The Board, in behalf of the Church, calls on Christians to ponder these subjects, inform themselves upon them, bring them before the Lord in prayer at this time, and enter into new covenants of faithfulness for the year upon which we are entering. Shall not every pulpit echo them until the church is fully wakened to its great work for Christ?

WE MUST BE A MISSIONARY CHURCH.

A curse shall rest upon us when we cease to be so, and to set up idols in fine edifices, and learned teachers, and in the applause of the rich and the proud. Then, indeed, will the Spirit of God abandon us, and for that "the pastors are become brutish, and have not sought the Lord, therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered." Learning and wealth are weapons and armour, and of very great importance; but they are not the eye, nor the heart, nor the arm, of the Church. The triumph is "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

A blessing shall be upon us in proportion as the Church is truly a Church of Christ; filled with the zeal of Christ for the honour of His Father's house; imitating the example of Christ in unwearied labours of mercy; obeying the commands of Christ, and most of all that which was His most imperative and last, when he left earth until He come again in like manner as they saw him go into heaven.

Wednesday of the Week of Prayer.

The topics suggested by the Evangelical Alliance for prayer during the Week of Prayer, are this year more satisfactory than those of last year, in which they did not mention the Holy Spirit, or His influences. They propose as the subjects for *Wednesday, January 6th*, the following:

"Families; for children of Christian parents; for a blessing on home influence; for all seminaries of Christian learning, universities, colleges and schools; for sabbath-schools and private instruction; for our youth abroad; and for a blessing on Christian literature."

Prayer for subjects connected with Christian education will also be very appropriate on *Thursday, January 7th*, under the head of "The Church:—for the sending forth of more labourers into the harvest;" on *Friday, January 8th*, under "Missions:—for the growth of the missionary spirit;" on *Saturday, January 9th*, under that of "the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Christians and Christian churches throughout the world;" and on *Sabbath, January 10th*, among the topics of sermons on "the duty of the Christian Church in relation to the religious wants of the world."

Susquehanna Collegiate Institute, Towanda, Pa.

This excellent institution has been for some years doing a good work for the Church in its region. Last year the Rev. Samuel F. Colt was elected principal;

and, at the sacrifice of a remunerative position elsewhere, undertook the laborious task. Being pressed for means to carry it on, some of the devoted friends of the Institute undertook in person to put the building in good order, and nobly worked with their own hands, repairing and papering, and otherwise improving it. It is in great need of some pecuniary assistance, and the Board will cheerfully grant it, if put in its hands. A statement of its condition says, "One thing is certain, the Institution has *paid a large dividend of good done* for the amount of money invested," in the aid previously rendered by the Board of Education. Prof. Colt has the confidence of the inhabitants of that part of the country, where he is well known. He is making great exertions, at much personal sacrifice, to put the Institution into a condition of real and permanent usefulness. He well deserves the assistance and encouragement of the church. A letter says, "All our fair prospects will fail us for want of a few hundred dollars. * * The Presbytery is composed mainly of feeble churches pecuniarily, and no help can be looked for from them." The people of the town have acted liberally in buying a fine lot of ten acres of ground, and putting up a fine large brick building. Will not the friends of education now enable the Board to grant to this, and to other institutions elsewhere, which are as useful, and which are in circumstances demanding it, prompt and liberal assistance?

Does It Pay?

This question is sometimes asked in relation to the investments made by Christians, through the Board of Education, in schools and other institutions. We will not now discuss the religious, or intellectual phases of the question, which are to most persons beyond doubt. But we will sustain the lowest, the pecuniary advantages, from two letters just received.

The first, from a distant Southern State, informs the Board that a striking evidence of the good done through its grants has been presented in a parochial school. An elder in the church was led to take a deep interest in its success. Dying lately he left certain property to the church for its advantage, which will pay it a hundred dollars a year, and thus materially assist in supporting it.

The second letter describes another school, also in one of the Southern States, which has exercised a most happy influence upon the society around it, in the troubled condition resulting from the late war. It has helped to quiet bitter feelings, and to inspire confidence; and the most beneficial results were anticipated in the community, even in increased immigration, and other material advantages.

It *does* pay, even in the lowest views of the case, for the churches to establish good schools in destitute regions. And the Board earnestly asks the means to grant assistance in several cases where it is much needed.

Shall our Students Suffer?

The appeals we sometimes receive from students for aid to go on in their studies for the ministry are of the most touching character. And the money granted is not thrown away. A young brother, addressing the Secretary in a recent letter, says:—"While receiving aid from the Church, I feel it incumbent upon me to study hard and economize closely. Had it not been for that support I would have had to give up long ago. While I devote my talents, my time, my all to Christ, it will ever bind me to the Church in which I was baptized and raised, to know that she extended to me a helping hand in the hour of need."

There is not enough in the treasury of the Ministerial Department to pay the

next quarter's appropriations; and the treasury of the School Department is over-drawn, by recent claims, some hundreds of dollars. Will not brethren hasten to send us help for the students, and for the schools?

New Students.

Fifty-seven new students for the ministry were received under the care of the Board of Education during the six months ending in November. The Board needs the funds due then for the next quarter, commencing January 1st. And besides it must grant liberal *extra* aid to those who need it. *If the churches which have made no collections this past year will each send something, there will be enough for all wants.*

Otoe University.

A correspondent informs us that an institution of learning, bearing this name, has recently been established in Nebraska city, Neb., under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church. Instruction will be given in all the branches taught in the best seminaries and colleges, and it is the design of the Board of Trustees to spare no pains to make it of the highest order. For the coming year only a preparatory department will be taught. At the commencement of the fall term regular college classes will be formed.

The Rev. Dr. S. Diefendorf is the President. About eight scholars are in attendance. General satisfaction is given, and the prospects appear quite flattering. Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, and Iowa, are already represented in this young institution. It has been only a year since the project was conceived.

Nebraska City is noted for the beauty of its location and the fine country by which it is surrounded, as well as for the intelligence and enterprise of its

population. The climate is delightful, and remarkable for its healthfulness. A more favourable locality for an institution of learning could not be found in that part of the country.

Pleasant Visit of a Presbytery.

The presbytery of New Albany met here in September, and were very much pleased with our manner of training up children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. Pretty near all of the children read and sing in English, and through the children the parents get instruction in the English language. It was delightful to see our church crowded with young folks, and every one engaged in singing the praise of the Lord. The Presbytery was astonished to see such a congregation. They did not expect, they said, such a church in this German settlement, and I am greatly encouraged to labour especially for the youth. May the Lord help me to do his work while it is day.

Yours in the bonds of love,
F. X. KOPP.

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN NOVEMBER, 1868.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Rockwell's Falls ch 2 85; Charlton ch 6 50	\$9 35	
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —North Salem ch	5 13	
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Waynesburg ch 16; Statesville ch 26	42 00	
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Westfield ch 36 50; Pluckannin 1st ch 21; Elizabeth 1st ch 20	76 50	
<i>Pby of Hocking</i> —Athens ch	20 00	
<i>Pby of New Orleans</i> —First German ch, New Orleans	25 00	
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Ross St ch, Brooklyn	25 00	
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Reiley ch 10; Bethel ch 5	15 00	
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Tenth ch, Phila	601 13	
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —North ch	50 86	
<i>Pby of Potowmack</i> —Darnestown ch	12 12	
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Mt Pleasant ch, add'l 1; Little Redstone 9 17	10 17	
<i>Pby of S Minnesota</i> —Ashland ch	2 00	
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Island Creek ch 15 70; Ridge ch 9	24 70	
<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Bellaire ch	14 60	
<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —D Heilman	51 87	
<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Waterford ch, of which 12 28 from Sab-seh	41 88	
<i>Pby of Vincennes</i> —Claiborne ch	7 35	
		REFUNDED.
		\$25 00
		MISCELLANEOUS.
		A Friend, Laurenceville, N J 40; Rev Jos Platt, Missionary to the Freedmen, Raleigh, N C 10; Eliza E Townsend, Painted Post, N Y 5; Patterson estate, per Rev Geo Marshall, D.D. 123 09; James Russell, North Jackson, O 10 188 09
		Total amount acknowledged, \$1271 51
		WILLIAM MAIN, Treasurer.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

DEATH OF WALTER LOWRIE.

Mr. Walter Lowrie, late senior Corresponding Secretary of the Board, departed this life December 14th, 1868, at his residence in this city, aged eighty-four years and a few days. Hereafter our pages may contain some record of one who was so long connected with the work of missions.

Recent Intelligence.

DEATH OF REV. EDWARD BOEKLEN.—Mr. Boeklen died at the house of Mr. B. V. R. James, Monrovia, after a short, but severe illness, rendering him unconscious in his last hours. His life of Christ-like piety left no need of his death-bed testimony to assure us of his being called into the presence of the Saviour. Seldom have we known any person who seemed to be more entirely devoted to the service of Christ, and that in a loving, humble, and trusting spirit. This Christian devotedness gave great value to his naturally good talents and his superior scholarship, so that we had formed sanguine hopes of his usefulness in the work of education in Liberia, as superintendent of the Alexander High School; but the Lord's ways are not as our ways, nor his thoughts as our thoughts.

Mr. Boeklen was a German, educated in his native country with the best advantages. Afterwards he spent several years in New York and its vicinity, as a tutor in the family of a German merchant, gaining their very warm personal regard. He was taken under the care of the Second Presbytery of New York as a licentiate preacher, went to Africa in 1866, was ordained by the Presbytery of West Africa in the next year, and departed this life on the 28th of last September, in the thirty-eighth year of his age. It is with much regret we must add, that all the missionaries in Liberia, and his physician, attribute his last illness to exposure, which might have been avoided.

CONVERTS RECEIVED.—At Little Traverse, Chippewa Mission, a middle aged man was received to the communion of the church, and encouraging interest was shown in the religious services, with a better attendance of scholars in the school. In China, six persons were received into the church at Shanghai on the first Sabbath of October—two men, two women, and two pupils in the girls' boarding school; these were admitted out of twenty-three applications before the Church Session. In Siam, at Petchaburi, an interesting convert was admitted to the church, on the 16th of August, one who was formerly a Buddhist priest, and was considered the third scholar in the kingdom; he gave most pleasing evidence of being a true Christian, but he was taken to the church above on the 15th of September. In Brazil, at Sao Paulo two persons were received as members of the church on the second Sabbath of October, and at Rio de Janeiro five persons on the third Sabbath of the same month,—all converts from Romanism, and one of them a woman of more than ordinary intelligence, who gave up her situation as a teacher in one of the schools in Rio, rather than teach, as was required, some things contrary to the Word of God.

NATIVE CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—The members of the Shanghai church have formed a society of this kind, which is said to be flourishing; its managers

visit their station in town once a month, and their reports increase the interest of the members in this work for Christ and for their own people.

NATIVE CHURCH LIBERALITY.—The members of the Farrukhabad church made a collection of Rs. 89.12, to which Rs. 10.4, were added by the Hindu and Mohammedian teachers and scholars in the school, making Rupees 100, or \$50 in gold, to aid in paying the debt of the Board. In the circumstances of the church members, who are but forty in number, their collection is a very liberal one, involving in many cases the exercise of great self-denial. To this may be added the gifts to the Board of milreis 20, or \$10 in gold, by a poor Swiss colonist in Brazil, his second annual gift of the same amount, accompanying it with this remark: "I can do nothing by my words, therefore it is my duty to do something by means of gifts." Mr. Schneider, in transmitting this gift, "a large one for so poor a man," wishes that "some of our church members at home could visit his cabin; it would certainly be a lesson to them which they would not forget."

DEATH OF THE KING OF SIAM.—This poor idolatrous, polygamous king has been removed by death. It is sad that one who had learnt so much of the Christian religion from personal intercourse with missionaries, and who in respect to commerce and other public matters showed intelligence and enterprise much in advance of most Asiatic rulers, should have become in his later years increasingly devoted to superstitious observances, and depart this life without so far as is known accepting the only way of salvation. He deserves to be remembered for his policy of toleration, towards those who were seeking to introduce the Christian religion among his subjects.

IN JAPAN, the missionaries report the continued civil war, greatly destructive of the interests of the country; the steady prosecution of their work in preaching, translating the Scriptures, teaching, and medico-missionary labours; and the public baptism of two Japanese converts by one of the missionaries of the Reformed (Dutch) church at Yokohama.

LETTERS RECEIVED TO DECEMBER 14th: from Little Traverse, Chippewa, November 27th; Tallahassee, Creek, November 2nd; Seminole, November 25th; Santa Fe, November 28th; San Francisco, November 4th; Yokohama, October 27th; Peking, September 30th; Shanghai, October 14th; Ningpo, October 7th; Canton, October 13th; Bangkok, September 30th; Chieng-mai, May 27th; Futtugurh, October 20th; Mynpurie, October 15th; Dehra, October 24th; Kassauli, October 17th; Monrovia, September 30th; Rio de Janeiro, October 26th; Sao Paulo, October 19th; Bogota, October 16th.

The Navajoes.

The last number of the *Record* mentioned the appointment of a minister and his wife as missionaries to the Navajo Indians. We have since heard of their arrival at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

These Indians are said to be of the Apache family. Their country was in what is now called the Territories of New Mexico and Arizona—the north-western part of the former and the northeastern part of the latter. A few years ago, at the end of a war with our Government, they surrendered as prisoners and were placed on a reservation called the Bosque Redondo, south-east from Santa Fe. The sanguine expectations of the military officers that they could support themselves on this reservation by tilling the ground were disappointed, the soil being poor and arid, and they have been removed within the last few months to a new reservation, in the vicinity of their old homes. It cost

the Government several millions of dollars, one official says more than \$10,000,000, to support them on the Bosque reservation.

The Navajoes are mentioned by Spanish writers as early as three centuries ago. A few of them are nominally Roman Catholics, but most of them are pagans. They have always had the reputation of being a bold, predatory tribe; but they are now greatly humbled and reduced to poverty, after having in former years been in possession of considerable property. They tilled the ground to some extent, kept horses, mules, &c., wove their own blankets, and were partially removed from an uncivilized state; excepting their frequent robbing forays, often accompanied by murder, they may be regarded as quite in advance of the savage tribes. The number of Navajoes on the Bosque Redondo, December 31st, 1864, was eight thousand three hundred and fifty-four, of whom three thousand two hundred and sixty-five were under eighteen years of age. The Government has made liberal provision for establishing schools among them, in their new abode, and also purchased large supplies of agricultural implements for their use.

It is hoped that a better day has come for these poor people. Vigorous efforts will no doubt be made to secure the control of the schools, and indeed of all the religious efforts for the benefit of the Navajoes, by the Romanist priests; it is indeed noteworthy, that a board of military officers a few years ago recommended that the educational and religious interests of these Indians should be placed in their hands; and the General then in command of our troops, whose despatches show vigorous, liberal views, and humane purposes, officially obtained the appointment of a Roman Catholic priest, to be provided with everything that was required, and all this at the expense of government funds! The result of his work for the Indians is not reported in the General's correspondence, and probably little if anything was done. The time has passed for any of our military officers to attempt again to unite Church and State in this way. We have no reason to suppose that those who are now in command in New Mexico would be willing to follow the example just referred to; but we may expect opposition of every kind to our missionary efforts from the agents of the Roman Church. Let our trust be in the Lord for success. And let our prayers accompany the missionaries, the Rev. James M. Roberts and his wife, in their important and difficult work.

This mission will cost a considerable expense, on account of the distance of the Indian reservation from the States, and the high price of provisions. It was hoped that permission could have been obtained to purchase the latter from the commissary stores at officers' rates, but it seems this cannot be granted. Some of our friends also supposed that government "transportation" could have been obtained, as the missionaries go without charge to do the work which the Government recognizes as essential; but this favour also could not be granted. In both cases, the refusal was made with courtesy and good feeling. Of course we could ask no favour which could not be granted to others. We are not sorry, however, that the whole cost will fall on the Church. All we need is an open field, and the blessing of God.

One Soweth and Another Reapeth.

BY REV. JULIUS F. ULLMANN, OF FUTTEH-GURH.

There is perhaps no country, in which this saying is more verified, than

in India. A missionary brings the message of salvation, not only to the natives of his own station, and its surrounding villages, but travels also about in the country; and wherever he goes, on his missionary tours, in the

bazars of towns and villages, at fairs and market places, he preaches the gospel to those whom he perhaps has never seen before, and who it may be will never hear him again. Or he may have been labouring in a certain place for some time, and is then transferred to another. Or he may have been working for a number of years faithfully, as long as his health permitted, and may then be obliged to return to his native country with his health broken down. Or he may, though suffering now and then, and feeling the effect of the climate in his decreasing strength, work on in the service of his Master until he falls in the missionary field. He is gone, but his strength has not been spent in vain, in his work of faith and labour of love. Another comes in his place and finds that the people in general, and some in particular, have a certain amount of the knowlege of the gospel; and they tell him that they heard it at such and such a place, from such and such a padree, and show him perhaps also the books which they have received from him. There are some names of missionaries, and others, which the people will never forget. Here at Futtehgurh they will occasionally tell us, when we speak to them, that Padre Rankin Sahib, and Padree McAuley Sahib, and Padree Fullerton Sahib, and Colonel Wheeler Sahib, were such good sahibs, [gentlemen.] who told them of the way of salvation; that they had forgotten a great deal of what they have heard, but still remembered something of it, and would never forget their kindness. We missionaries in India, when baptizing candidates, very often reap only what our brethren before us sowed; and we sow in hope that though we see not as much fruit as we should like, our brethren after us will enter into our labours; and at last both they that sowed and they that reaped will rejoice together. I will relate here two cases, one from the experience of another brother missionary, and the other from my own.

A missionary of the town of M—, who is now with the Lord, preached the gospel with self-sacrificing love and zeal in the district of F— for about twelve years. Among many other places, he visited a certain religious fair, the Dudree mela, regularly every

year, proclaiming the gospel, though apparently with but little success. To him the command of his Master, "Go ye and preach the gospel," &c., was sufficient to work and not to faint, and his prayer was, "Lord, grant that thy sheep among the heathen, when hearing me, may hear the voice of the Good Shepherd." He baptized only a small number, but he was contented to know that he was in the path of duty, doing the will of his Master, and that success was in the hands of the Lord. In his zeal for his Master's cause he did not take sufficient care of his body, and fell a victim to that zeal. He died of cholera, but was thankful that the Lord had counted him worthy to be a herald of the cross, knowing that some of the good seed which he had sown would yet spring up and bear fruit, though that fruit would be gathered in by other reapers.

Some years passed, and other missionaries came to the Dudree fair, proclaiming salvation by Christ. One of them, an old missionary from a town on the banks of the Ganges, was one day holding forth the Word of life to a large crowd at the fair. A respectably dressed native came up to him, asking, whether he would sell him a New Testament in Hindi. The missionary was surprised to find that, contrary to the custom of the natives, who are naturally very unwilling to pay for books, this man of his own accord came forward to buy a New Testament. He gave it to him and took the money, requesting him at the same time to visit him in his tent. The native did so, and one of his first questions was, "Where is the tall padree from M—?" For several years have I come here in hopes to find him, and to hear the gospel again from him, but whilst I see others, I cannot find him. Where is he?" "In heaven with the Master whom he serves." "Ah, sir, I shall never forget his words. From him I heard the gospel of Jesus Christ first, and I felt the man meant what he said, and that it came from his heart, and it went to my heart, and I could never forget what he said. He gave me also a little book which I read; but I want to know more; I want to know the whole story of Jesus, and have therefore bought this New Testament." "Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour?" asked the missionary. "Yes, I do indeed." "Will

you be baptized?" "Yes, but I will come to the place where you live, and there become a Christian."

The missionary after the close of the fair returned to his home, and very soon the native also made his appearance. After some time he was baptized, and his growth in grace and in the knowledge of Christ was so evident, that the missionary made him a catechist, and as such he has preached the gospel to many of his benighted countrymen.

This missionary has also gone to his rest, years ago. He reaped the fruit of what another had sown, and now the sower and the reaper both rejoice together in the presence of the Master whom they served on earth.

Another case is the following. A number of years ago, when I was stationed at C—, a Hindoo came one day to my door, begging for a certain tract. Upon asking him where he had come from, he said that his village was sixty miles distant, and that when one day he visited a friend, he found him reading in a Christian tract. "Let me read that book I said, and I read, and read, and very soon found that that little book revealed to me truths which I had never heard or read of before, but which were comforting to my inquiring mind. Oh, how I wanted to keep that little book, but the owner would not part with it, but said, go to C—, there are padrees, and you will get what you want. Now, sir, I have come sixty miles on foot for such a book; my name is Abhilakhee, which means one who has a great desire, and I am an Abhilakhee, for my desire is to know how I may obtain salvation." I made him sit down, and told him that sweet story of old, of Jesus the Saviour of sinners; and hence also the Saviour of the Hindoos. I then gave him not only a tract, but also a portion of the New Testament; and seeing that he was a true inquirer, I requested him, as he had come from such a distance, to stop with me for a month or so, in order that I might instruct him daily. I promised to give him a little hut to live in, and a little money for his daily food. To this he agreed, and he was thus regularly instructed in the truths of Christianity. He received all gladly, and grew not only in knowledge, but as I believe, also in grace. He evidently showed that he was "of the truth." After he had been a little more than a month with me, I called him one day, and said, "Abhilakhee, you now know

the gospel, and what Christ did for you; and you know also what he demands from you. His command is that those who believe in Him should be baptized. Are you willing now to make a public confession of your faith, and receive baptism?" To this he objected, saying, that he wanted first to return to his village, and see his own people, for if he received baptism now, he would be at once entirely cut off from all those who were near and dear to him. "Then," said I, "I will let you return to your village. Take this New Testament and these tracts with you; and remember what the Lord said in Luke xiv. 26-27; and whenever you are willing to be baptized, come to me." He then left me.

Years passed on, and I had almost forgotten Abhilakhee, when once on a missionary tour with another brother missionary, we came to B—, a town high up in the north, not far from Nepaul. We there remained for some eight or ten days, preaching the gospel in, and around about B—. After we had done so one day in the market place of the town, some of the people took the message of the gospel with them to the village not far from there, where a young intelligent man lived, but who was considered by the other villagers a madman, because he would not worship their idols, but despised them, and all heathenish customs, and would only read in his own books. On hearing from the returning villagers, that a padree had been preaching in the market-place of B—, and had been speaking of Isa Masih (Jesus, Messiah) he inquired how the preacher looked. They gave him some kind of description of me, upon which he said, "That is my padree, I must go and see him at once."

I was sitting one afternoon in my tent, when this young man stood before it, with four of his friends, to see me. I came out, and looking into his face which was beaming with joy, I said, "Abhilakhee, where have you come from, here in this part of the country?" "Sir," said he, "my village is only five miles from here. I heard from some people of my village, that a padree was here; and when they told me how you looked, I knew at once it was you. I am so glad you have come. I remember all your instructions, and read daily in my books, but I am hated by the other people of my village. I tell them that the idols are nothing; that their worship is sin; that their gods are

sinners like ourselves; that there is but one God who is invisible; and that there is one Saviour, Jesus Christ. For that they hate me, and hearing my words, and seeing me different from all others, they consider me a madman, and by that name I am known there. However, I do not care about it, for I know what they do not know. And here (pointing at his four companions) are four of my disciples, whom I have instructed in the Bible, and they know and believe something of it. I have brought them with me, that they may hear the truth from your lips." I need not say, that my heart was full of joy. I made them all sit down before the tent, and preached to these simple villagers the simple gospel, to which they listened with great attention, Abhilakhee all the while sitting there with a happy face, looking at me and them. After I had done, I addressed Abhilakhee alone saying, "And now, Abhilakhee what of you? Are you a Christian?" "Yes sir, I am," he replied, "else why the persecution in my village." But you have not been baptized yet. Are you ready for it now?" "No, sir, not yet, not just yet." I reminded him of the evil of delaying to receive this rite, but from some reason or other he wanted to wait a little longer. We then parted and I gave to each of them some books. A day or two afterwards we left the place, to pitch our tent and preach the gospel somewhere else. Soon after my return to my own station, I was sent to another far away from there, and have not seen Abhilakhee again. As, however, there are other missionaries in my former station, I should not wonder if he had been baptized by one of them. "One soweth and another reapeth."

Of the truth of this saying I was yesterday again reminded by a native brother, who received his first impression as to the truth of Christianity from the late pious Col. Wheeler, a name that will, I believe, never be forgotten in these N. W. Provinces. Wherever that officer went, he went as a soldier of the cross, preaching the gospel in the bazars of towns, in villages, and among his own soldiers and servants. He also established schools for the heathen, which he himself supported, and had continually hundreds of beggars coming to him, who all heard the gospel from his lips. I will not speak here of the Europeans, to whom he became a blessing. A few of the natives, heathen and Mohammedans, whom he instructed, and for whose conversion he prayed,

were baptized during his life-time, but others remained in their heathen and Mohammedan connections until after his death, which occurred a few years ago, and have been, or are now coming forward in various places, asking for baptism. Our native Christian brother, Dhokul Parshad, who with his wife and children was killed in the mutiny at Futtéhgurh, nobly confessing Christ, received his first Christian instruction from Col. Wheeler. One of our catechists here, a bold and faithful preacher of the gospel, who was baptized by us here a few years ago, was first led to search the scriptures by Col. Wheeler. And a Mohammedan tailor at Allahabad, who has been lately baptized by our brethren there, was also first instructed in the truths of the gospel by that Christian officer. Col. Wheeler sowed, and the missionaries at Futtéhgurh and Allahabad reaped.

These are but a few facts, (and I could mention more) of what is continually occurring here in this country, and which, in accordance with the apostle's words, encourage us to believe, "that our labour is not in vain in the Lord."

The Work in Hindu Villages.

BY REV. S. H. KELLOGG, OF FUTTEHGURH.

[By various methods, our missionary brethren fulfil their work. One of the most interesting parts of their labours in India is graphically described in the following article.—ED.]

In various villages, within two or three miles of Futtéhgurh, are twelve vernacular schools under the care of the Mission. These are entirely supported by the kindness of the Maharaja Dulip Singh, who gives for this purpose Rs. 100 (\$50) a month. In the report just sent his highness, these schools appear as averaging a total attendance of about two hundred and fifty. Among these in three villages are found twelve girls, nearly all relatives of the Zamindars, or head-men of these villages. These have come quite of their own accord, no inducement of any kind is held out to them; one or two have already learned to read very nicely.

I am in the habit of visiting these schools in rotation as often as may be,

and have found them to afford peculiar facilities for preaching to the villagers, a number of whom almost always gather immediately around the school.

Let the reader accompany me in a visit to one of these little schools. . . . Here is a man ahead, he is waiting for us to come up; makes his salam; he is of the Kurnu caste, a farmer. The door to a man's heart is by those things which he is engaged in, so we ask him about his crops. "Ah, Sahib, no rain; everything is dying; we are all full of fear." True enough, for we have had scarcely any rain this season, though the time for rain is nearly over; and if it does not come soon there will be a famine. But we continue, "May God send you rain. But do you know that if you were in India a Christian people, instead of worshipping these filthy idols, you would not have these dreadful famines?" "No famines; Sahib?" "No, in those lands where many people love and believe in Christ, and worship the true God, there is not famine. The true religion makes men wise, and prudent, and intelligent, and they build a great many canals if need be to water the fields, and railways which carry grain quickly where there may be scarcity; and people are kind to each other and help the poor when they cannot get bread; you have all left God, and so he has left you."

But here we are at the school. No benches, no desks, some fifteen half-naked urchins seated cross-legged on mats, studying at the top of their lungs. "Lala, make those boys hush up, I cannot understand what this boy is reading." An ominous brandish of the switch, and a sharp "chup raho," "keep still," and all are hushed. . . . Meantime two or three villagers have gathered, and I begin to talk to them. One breaks out, "I have one thing against you Christians!" "What is that?" "You kill hens, and eat them?" "Well, but does that make us

bad men?" In true Hindu style he answered, "Do you see that ant?" "Yes." "And it has *jiv* (life) in it?" "Certainly." "And the same *jiv* is in us; as we would not kill a man so is it wrong to kill any living thing!" "But how do you know that what is in that ant is the same as what is in us?" "Because all living things are alike, are parts of God." "So that ant has a soul, and I have a soul, and it is the same?" "Exactly." "Very well," turning to the teacher, "Lala, take this ant and teach him to read, and to learn the multiplication table." At this all laugh; I continue, "How foolish to say, that what is life in that ant, is just the same as the soul in these boys; you do not believe it yourself." "But the Shastras say so." "Yes, they say so; and a great many other things, too, as that this earth is flat like a lotus leaf; and that rains fall from the moon, etc., etc., all which are lies alike. Hear now the truth. Neither eating or not eating flesh is right or wrong. Eat what you please, the black wicked lying lustful heart remains. You never will be saved except that heart is changed. Jesus Christ alone can save you from sin. He died the sinner's death so that the sinner might go free." "But," then he interrupts, "that man whose punishment Christ bears will just go on sinning without fear!" "No, he will not;" and then I show him how before the cross the love of sin goes away. Finally, after further conversation, I prayed with them. Our friend, the Kurnu, interrupts now and then confessions and petitions with exclamations, "True"—"that is a good thing;" but does not mean to annoy at all; so one does not mind it.

The above is no fancy sketch, but as nearly as I can remember an outline of what passed a morning or two ago, in one of my village visits. It will give the reader a just impression of the writer's daily village work.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN OCTOBER 1868.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Schenectady ch 649 42, Sab-sch 120 = 789 42; Esperance Sab-sch 3; Carlisle Sab-sch 3; Windsor ch 17. *Pby of Londonderry*—First ch Newburyport 111 40; Antrim ch 38. *Pby of Mohawk*—Park ch, Syracuse, Sab-sch Miss'y Soc'y to educate Girl 60, for Native Preachers 126, Debt 129 85 = 309 85; Oneida Valley Sab-sch 6 50 \$1,258 17

ch. Mercer 96; Petroleum Centre Sab-sch 14 05; Park ch Sab-sch, for Tungchow sch 3 = 272 94

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Chesapeake ch 20; Govan Chapl 33 75, Sab-sch 16 27 = 70; Towsontown ch 5; Annapolis ch, mo con 22. *Pby of Carlisle*—Fayetteville ch 24. *Pby of Potomac*—Bridge St ch, Georgetown, Jiv Miss'y Soc'y 111; Darnestown ch 12 12. Youth's Miss'y Soc'y 13 81 = 25 93; New York Ave ch, Washington 35 18 313 11

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Buffalo City*—Third ch Rochester 181 25. *Pby of Genesee River*—First ch Bath 12 26; Groveland Sab-sch 27 85 221 36

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Plain Grove ch 63 15; Ebenezer ch 7; Pleasant Valley ch 11 75. *Pby of Allegheny City*—First German ch 5; Emsworth Sab-sch 2 50; Highlands ch 18 49; Industry Sab-sch 5. *Pby of Erie*—First

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Bureau*—Edwards ch 3. *Pby of Rock River*—Middle Creek Sab-sch 25; Freeport ch 60. Sab-sch 25 = 85 113 00

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Concord ch 20. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Reading Sab-sch 5; 7th ch. Cincinnati, mo con 14 56; 1st ch. Walnut Hills, mo con 7 97; Somerset Sab-sch 18 17. *Pby of Oxford*—Somerville ch 8; Eaton ch 11; Reiley ch 17; Seven Mile ch 15; College Corner ch 12. Sab-sch 5 = 17. *Pby of Sidney*—Union City ch, Mrs J B Whetzel, for Africa 1 50 135 20

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Saline*—Odin ch 10 07

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Indianapolis*—Knights-town Sab-sch 11 84. Dist No 2, 3 52 = 15 36. *Pby of Madison*—First ch Madison 1 03 118 36

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Linn Grove Sab-sch 20 50; Davenport ch 78; Princeton ch 8, Sab-sch 12 = 20. *Pby of Dubuque*—Sherrill's Mount ch 10 75 129 25

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Ebenezer*—Falmouth ch 3 50. *Pby of Muhlenburg*—Hopkinsville Sab-sch 3. *Pby of Paducah*—Princeton ch 15. *Pby of West Lexington*—First ch Lexington 11; Frankfort ch 63 30, Sab-sch 8 32 = 71 62 104 12

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Elizabethtown*—Pluckemin ch 117 25, Sab-sch 10, Little Mary's Pennies 75 cts = 123; Metuchen ch, mo con 4 30. *Pby of Luzerne*—Mahanoy City Sab-sch 38; New Boston Sab-sch 5 01. *Pby of Newton*—Greenwich ch 91 78; 1st ch Oxford Sab-sch 5; Blairstown Sab-sch 37 64. *Pby of New Brunswick*—First ch New Brunswick, mo con 41 28. *Pby of Passaic*—Wickliffe ch, mo con 13 82; 1st ch. Morristown, mo con 10, annual col. bal 75 75 = 175 75; 3d ch, Newark, mo con 13 92. Sab-sch Truth Seekers 6 = 19 92; German ch, Paterson 5. *Pby of Raritan*—Frenchtown ch 55. Sab-sch 20 = 75. *Pby of Susquehanna*—First ch, Towanda, mo con 10, Sab-sch 105 = 115. *Pby of West Jersey*—Fiserville Sab-sch 2 75 for Hangzhou ch 21 33 = 24 08; 1st ch Cedarville Sab-sch 78 55; Brainerd ch 10; Pittsgrove Sab-sch 19 20 890 33

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Rye ch, mo con 18 89; North Salem ch 12; Croton Falls Sab-sch 3 21; 1st ch Bridgeport Sab-sch 27 34. *Pby of Hudson*—White Lake ch, Bethel, Sab-sch, Dist No 5, 7 33; 2d ch Middletown 120. *Pby of Long Island*—Sag Harbor ch 100. *Pby of Nassau*—Astoria ch, mo con 30; Throop Ave ch, Brooklyn 12 19; Ross St ch Sab-sch, Brooklyn, for Monrovia 50, Peking 50, Bangkok 50. Rio Chapel 50 = 200; South Third St ch, Williamsburg, mo con 37 29; Geneva ch, Brooklyn 20 12; 1st ch, Brooklyn, mo con 49 08. *Pby of New York*—Brick ch, mo con 91 20, Mission ch, mo con 9 27 = 103 57; 1st ch New York (100 in gold) 8 514 17, mo con 157 61 = 8711 78; University Place ch 39 08; Chelsea ch 16 16; Edgewater ch, S 1, mo con 18 10; Fortieth St ch 13 90; Potts' Memorial ch, mo con 1 20; Alexander ch 16 57; Twenty-third St ch Mission Sab-sch 21. *Pby of New York* 2d—Westminster Sab-sch, Yonkers 1 00; Mt Washington ch 100; Sing Sing ch 400. *Pby of North River*—Calvary ch, Newburg, mo con 27 42 10,207 14

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Fort Wayne*—First ch Fort Wayne 116 62; Bluffton Sab-sch 16 90; New Lanca for Sab-sch 7. *Pby of Logansport*—Bethlehem Sab-sch 6 30, Irena and Katie Todd 1 20 = 7 50. *Pby of Muncie*—First ch Muncie 22 34 170 36

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Columbus*—Blenden ch, Westerville. Sab-sch, for Bangkok sch 20; Circleville ch 75 53; Amanda ch 6. *Pby of Hocking*—First ch Athens 30. *Pby of Marion*—Iberia ch 4 90. Sab-sch 10 76 = 15 66; Liberty ch, Miss S F Gillies 5, Sab-sch, for Tungchow 5 = 10; Wyandot ch 3 70, mo con 1 30, Sab-sch 9 45 = 14 45; Bucyrus ch, J H S and family 10. *Pby of Richland*—Savannah Sab-sch, to con Mrs Amanda C Scott Life member 45 28; Mt Vernon Sab-sch, to educate boy in Shantung 62. *Pby of Worcester*—Holmesville Sab-sch 17, Orrville Sab-sch 10; East Hopewell and Nashville chs, for China 33 27; Apple Creek ch 14 65, Sab-sch 23 70 = 38 35. *Pby of Zanesville*—Duncan's Falls Sab-sch, class of little girls 2; Muskingum ch 40, children's

miss'y box 10 = 50; 1st ch Washington Sab-sch 21 461 54

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Benicia*—Two Rocks ch, gold 200

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Hope-well ch 20; Centre ch 11; Slateville Sab-sch 35, Sylvan Retreat Sab-sch 3 30 = 38 30. *Pby of Huntington*—Bethel Sab-sch 4; Petersburg Sab-sch 1; Shiloh Sab-sch, Menno 5; Fruitt Hill ch 15; Beau-lah Sab-sch 5; Birmingham ch, Eden Valley Sab-sch 22. *Pby of New Castle*—Red Clay Creek Sab-sch 8; Lower Brandywine ch 12 29. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Bethany ch, Infant Class 50; West Spruce St ch, Phila, G S Benson, Esq 100; 10th ch Phila, mo col 44 27. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Kensington Sab-sch 5; Cohock-sh Sab-sch 39 60. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Conshohocken Sab-sch 5 43 37

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SYNOD OF ST PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—Cedar Rapids Sab-sch 5; North Bend ch 6. *Pby of St Paul*—Second ch, Stillwater, mo con 4, Sab-sch 2 = 6; 1st ch Rockford Sab-sch 50 ets; Westminster ch, Minneapolis 4 30, Dying Gift of Henry B Sample 25 cts = 4 55; St Cloud ch, special 16 03 38 03

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Michigan*—Maple Grove ch 8 35, Mrs De Pue 2 = 10 35; South Lyon ch 28 25, Sab-sch 5 = 33 25; Hudson ch 5 23; Bennington ch 9 82; Aton ch 3. *Pby of Western Reserve*—Lafayette ch 21 82 63

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Fairfield*—Troy, Iowa, Sab-sch, to support boy in China 10. *Pby of Iowa*—Unity Sab-sch 22 25 32 25

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SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Milwaukee*—First German ch Richfield 3; Port Washington Sab-sch 5. *Pby of Winnebago*—Kilbourne City Sab-sch 41; Beaver Dam Sab-sch 7; Maysville ch 2 58 10

Total received from churches \$15,905 73

LEGACY.—Patterson Estate \$123 09

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Total Receipts in November 1868, \$17,179 36

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BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

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Letters relating to agencies, donations of books and tracts, the appointment of Colporteurs, manuscripts and books offered for publication, and the general interests of the Board, to be addressed to the Rev. WILLIAM E. SCHENCE, D.D., Corresponding Secretary and Editor, No. 821 Chestnut street.

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Subscriptions to *The Record*, and the *Sabbath-School Visitor*, and payments for the same, to be addressed to Mr. PETER WALKER.

Incidents in Colportage.

A Colporteur of our Board of Publication in Southwestern Iowa, when sending his quarterly report, writes as follows:—

"While visiting in the outskirts of ——, I called at an humble cottage and found a poor sick woman. I presented some tracts, and asked if she would like to get some books. Her reply was, 'I have no money.' Showing her the little book, '*Sick Room Devotions*', I asked if she would like that. With tears in her eyes she replied, 'Yes, if I had any money,' and taking a small Bible from the bed on which she lay, she said, 'This is my comfort in sickness.' In conversation I found her to be a member of the Presbyterian Church, and a devoted Christian. She had been in the place five weeks, and had been sick ever since she came. Her husband was a labouring man, and was necessarily away at work, while a neighbour's little girl cared for the immediate wants of the wife. As they were strangers and their wants were unknown, no Christian people had been in to see them. The next morning I got a good Christian woman to go with me to the house, and then went about my work. When I returned, the husband was at home, and I shall never forget the gratitude expressed by himself and his wife. 'Why,' said he, 'you have brought one here who knows as much about our friends in —— as we do ourselves.' The wife was so much cheered by the visit that she seemed almost well.

"I give this incident to illustrate the many opportunities I have for doing good. I go into saloons and ask permission to leave tracts. It is generally granted, and the tracts are generally read. I call at a house of ill-fame, and leave for its inmates those pointed tracts '*Without God*', and '*Who shall dwell with devouring fire?*' I hear men take God's name in vain and give them the tract '*Don't swear*'. To those who defer the matter of salvation to a more convenient season, I give the tract '*Now*'. I meet 'fast' young men and give them '*Stop*'. I meet a Universalist who gets '*Universalism Renounced*', or '*Universal Salvation*', by Dr. Jacobus. For the young convert, I have '*To a Young Disciple*', and for the older Christian, '*Hints to Professors*'. When on the street many get '*Thoughts by the Wayside*', and loiterers receive, '*Thoughts for Spare Moments*'. Children are delighted with the little books from the '*Children's Packets*', and many

have almost gone into ecstacies on receiving one of those beautiful printed cards '*My Mother*.' To a thoughtless young lady, who asked me if I had anything for a 'fast' girl, I gave '*Baxter's Call*' I called unawares on the Roman Catholic priest at ——, who bought '*Wharey's Church History*', treated me with great courtesy, and asked me to call again, as he might want something else. The greatest number of books sold to one person, were to a member of the Methodist Church at ——. The highest commendation the books of our Board have received, were from the Dean of the Episcopal school at ——.

"What may be the result of all this I do not know. I try faithfully to sow the seed, and with prayer that it may be watered and made to grow, I leave results to Him who alone can give the increase. D. H. M."

Colportage in Indiana.

A son of one of our late and most esteemed ministers in Indiana, who is engaged in the colportage work of the Board, reports as follows:—

"I found poor sales for books among farmers' families; but they were always ready to receive tracts, or to listen to conversation on religious subjects. As I aimed to distribute the tracts as *widely* as possible, I rarely left more than two or three at any one place. In going around through the suburbs of L., I stopped not only at the houses of the people, but frequently also at their shops. I thus reached a great many that I otherwise would have missed, and though I rarely made a sale in these places, perhaps I was enabled to do some good.

"I visited a number of Roman Catholic families of the poorer classes, though I soon found that little apparent good could be accomplished among them. A stereotyped reply here was, 'We don't buy any but Catholic books.' I found, however, that I could sometimes leave tracts, even among these people, and perhaps good may result.

"It is gratifying sometimes to learn that good has been accomplished even in one instance. Shortly after receiving my commission I sold to a lady, in failing health, a copy of the Board's book, '*Children in Heaven*' She died in about six weeks from that time, and I have since learned through a mutual friend, that that excellent book was a great comfort to her in her declining hours, and that she read it many times with increasing interest.

"Hoping that colporteur work may ever be a successful one, and that even my feeble efforts may be blessed by the great Head of the Church, I am

Truly yours, J. G. L."

The Hymnal.

A very excellent pastor in the State of New York, and one who presides over a highly intelligent congregation, writes as follows:—

"Our *Hymnal* gives universal satisfaction. We have first-class congregational singing out of it. Every prayer-meeting evening we have half

a hour of devotional singing, and are thus learning the new tunes readily."

This pastor recently introduced the *Hymnal* into use in his church, after considerable hesitation upon the part of some of his people who had heard objections to the book but who had never examined it. Would any pastor or the leaders of the singing in any one of our churches adopt the above or some similar plan to make their people acquainted with both the hymns and the tunes of the *Hymnal*, the objections which some have urged against its use would speedily be seen to be entirely unfounded. The book is now published by the Board, in a great variety of styles and bindings. Fine copies are elegantly gotten up as suitable holiday presents.

An Acknowledgment.

The following is part of a letter received from a worthy minister in Iowa, who, like many others had received from the Board of Publication, by means of contributions made for that purpose, a copy of Hodge on "*The Atonement*."

"Last week I received by mail Hodge on '*The Atonement*,' a book I have long desired to read but could not see my way clear to buy it; as my income was very small. Please give my sincere thanks to the person who furnished the means for it.

If it and books of like character were more generally read and understood, men would not lay so little stress on matters that should be important in the eyes of every true Christian. It is by no means a small matter what a man believes, especially if he be a teacher of others. What appears to some a small matter at first, has led many a man far away from Bible teaching. One error in doctrine leads to another, therefore we ought to take good care that we receive the truth, and only the truth. The book I trust will be useful to me as well as to others. May the Lord deliver me from truth to truth. Yours truly in Christ. J. S."

Tracts.

It pleases God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. This is the great instrumentality for the conversion and sanctification of man. But there are those who cannot preach. Is there nothing for them to do? There is much. There are many ways of being useful. Among these is the distribution of tracts. These contain the gospel message, and everyone can distribute them. It is well always to have some with us to give away as opportunity offers. Let us distribute tracts and circulate gospel books. M.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

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| The Board has just issued the following new books suitable for the Sabbath-school library or for family juvenile reading. | II. Cousin Amy, or Home Duties. 18mo. Price 60 cents. |
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We can warmly commend all the above volumes as being admirably adapted to instruct and improve as well as to entertain their readers.

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These little books are all charmingly written, and cannot fail to interest very small readers. They are just the thing for the Infant-school scholars.

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An excellent popular treatise on the subject named. It was originally delivered as a lecture on this subject, and produced a deep impression. In the permanent form it cannot fail to do great good. It is timely and ought to be widely circulated, as the subject one now widely discussed.

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Corresponding Secretary, Rev. H. I. Cox.

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The Widow's Hundred.

In his acknowledgment of the receipt of an appropriation from the Board, the worthy brother who supplies the church says: "Our house of worship is now completed and all paid for. It looks very well, and the congregation appears very happy. I think the people have done well, and that the contributions of the church are liberal. One widow lady, with a large family of helpless children dependent on their own labour on the farm, gave one hundred dollars. An elder, in quite limited circumstances, with an aged mother and helpless children to support, gave me a hundred dollars. Most of our members, though yet in debt for their new houses, and with very limited improvements of their own, contributed one hundred dollars, some of them borrowing the money at twelve per cent. interest. With a family to support out of a salary of four hundred and fifty dollars I contributed one hundred dollars. We did not ask for help without first making an effort ourselves. We feel very thankful for the aid we have received from the Board."

NATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, 1868.

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of Chippewa—La Crosse ch 3 25		Pby of Clarion—Academia ch 3 50; Emlenton ch 5; Rockland ch 3 75	12 23
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of Findlay—Van Wert ch 6 00		Pby of Neosho—Carlyle ch	5 00
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Chicago—North ch 7 00		Total receipts for Oct and Nov, 1868 \$3447 64	
Blairsville—Murraysville ch 13 20; Benliah 18 20		CORRECTION.—The contribution of \$10 credited in the November Record to Oswegatchie 1st ch should have been credited to Oswegatchie 2d ch, Ogdensburg Presbytery.	

DAVID KEITH, Treasurer,
St. Louis, Mo.

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<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Orville ch	1 00		
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Salt Creek ch 8 42; Zanesville 2d ch 62	70 42		
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Slate Ridge ch	30 74		
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Peru ch 15; Upper Tuscarora ch 16; Alexandria ch 30; Williamsburg ch 22; Bethel ch 10	93 00		
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Lower Brandywine ch 7 40; White Clay Creek and Head of Christiana chs 46 40; Oxford ch 83; Port Deposit ch 12 50; Upper Octorara ch 29 30; Forks of Brandywine ch 32 80	211 40		
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Lycoming ch 29; Linden ch 7; Mahoning ch 18 69	54 69		
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —New Alexandria ch 40 63; Cross Roads ch 19 20; Beulah ch 23 35; Ligonier ch 40	123 18		
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Middletown and Medis chs 10; West Spruce Street ch 96 53; Herman J. Lambert, Esq 100; Morris Patterson, Esq 20; Clement A Finley, Esq 10; South ch 25; Ninth ch 55	316 53		
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Kensington ch, from Mrs Gormly 5; Central ch 133 30; Great Valley ch 18 25	156 53		
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Neshaminy ch 20; Bensalem ch 6; Germantown 2d ch. add'l 10 36 00			
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Forest Grove ch 13 50; Pittsburgh 6th ch 31 62; Central ch 92 86; Pittsburgh 1st ch 241 41; Millers Run ch 22 45; Bedford ch 20 29; Raccoon ch 35; Mingo ch 23	485 13		
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Perry ch 10; Bethesda ch 12 55; Middle Creek ch 4; Oak Grove ch 2; Leatherwood ch 7 70	36 25		
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Sewickley ch 16 25; McKeesport ch 6 79; Spring Hill Furnace ch 5; Georges Creek ch 10; Little Redstone ch 14; McClellandtown ch 7 70	59 74		
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Washington ch 3 40; Mechanicsburg ch 2 50; Eldersridge ch 15 20; West Lebanon ch 11 50; Ebenezer ch 19; Gilgal ch 6 95; Leechburg ch 16 39; Plum Creek ch 23 55; East Union ch 5	103 49		
<i>Pby of St Paul</i> —Still Water ch 6; White Bear Lake ch 1; Minneapolis ch 107 23	114 25		
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Galesville ch	5 00		
<i>Pby of S Minnes-ta</i> —Lake City ch	5 75		

(To be continued.)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

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Too much Example not Good.

One of the western pastors much interested in the great mission work, sends a remittance of eighty dollars from his church, "numbering one hundred and sixty-five members and representing about the usual amount of wealth in a Western town and farming community." This good brother suggests the following: "Do not people prefer to be *led* rather than merely *urged* to the discharge of these tender Christian duties? Many private members ought to give to our Boards whose income is no greater than that of the pastor. Why should not the pastor then give? We take our collections by subscription, and think it works well; minister, elders, and trustees *head* the lists, and the congregation try to make the papers heavy at the lower end. Do pastors as a general thing set the example in this matter, and contribute with and *before* their people?" We make this quotation for the purpose of giving a distinct and emphatic reply to this brother's question. We can bear testimony to the fact that the sins of our ministerial brethren are not to be found in that direction. The example in giving which they set is *too good*. Too much example, and not enough of teaching. Our ministers, as a mass, more than double the contributions of their churches out of their own pockets, giving the churches the credit. This is most emphatically true of the collections made for the Committee on Freedmen. We could multiply examples of most touching self-denial, on the part of pastors, to save the reputation of their people. While we write, a case occurs, which is an illustration of hundreds which a few years' experience in the conduct of the mission work have brought to our notice. A brother whose habits we have known for years enters our office and lays on the table a check for fifty dollars. Three Boards are interested in the collection, thirty dollars is the pastor's example and twenty dollars is the contribution of the church that has members worth \$50,000. The late Dr. Paxton of Indiana annually gave to the work among the Freedmen five times the amount he ever gathered from the church he served. An old missionary of Illinois, last year gave to this one mission of the Church, more than a third of his salary obtained from the churches he served. It is the rule rather than the exception, that the collections in the churches is doubled by the pastor's family, and in many cases it is quadrupled. Last year a beloved brother wrote us saying: "I am determined to cover up the sins of my people no more. Credit the church with the actual amount they have given, and the pastor's family with the balance." The church had given not quite one-third of the whole amount. There is a church which has the credit of thirty dollars given to the Committee last year, that has not given a cent. The pastor out of a small salary saved the credit of his church. Too many pastors, it is to be feared, are suffering their people to neglect their great duty in this day, and are satisfying their consciences by doing what their congregations ought to do. Example is good, but God's people must be taught from God's word the duty, and receive from His Spirit the grace of systematic giving.

Biddle Institute.

The second term of this institute will open on the first Monday of January in the new building. The agent of the Board of Trustees, the Rev. R. A. Delaney, D.D., is now making efforts to secure scholarships for the support of students. Preparations have been made to receive eighty students, but it will be impossible for young men without any means of their own to enter upon a course of study without help. We trust many will be found ready to help in this effort to raise up a native ministry for the Freedmen.

One of our missionaries has had six young men under his instruction ever since he began his work, dividing with them his meagre support. He says, "Three of the young men, if God wills, expect to enter Lincoln University on the 1st of January, all members of my church. They leave behind them three others who are exceedingly anxious to receive a full and thorough course of instruction somewhere, and I would like to have them go to Biddle Institute at Charlotte if the way could be opened for them. I would also add another young man from M—, who is very anxious to be educated for a teacher." *Will not some of our Sabbath-schools or members of our church to whom God has given the ability, provide the means to sustain these young men.* One hundred dollars to each will enable them to enter the Institute and pursue their studies for a year.

This brother closed his report with the earnest request that he may be allowed at least a catechist to assist him in his constantly extending field, as he has one waiting for a commission at ten dollars a month.

Rev. H. A. Mayhew, of Austin, Minnesota, has been commissioned a missionary to the Freedmen, and has entered upon his labours in the Statesville mission in North Carolina. His address is Statesville, N. C.

DONATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN IN NOVEMBER, 1868.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Princeton ch 20 10; Gloversville ch, of which by W J Heacock 50, 75 66	\$95 76	<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Bethel ch 40; 4th Pittsburg ch 34	74 00
<i>Pby of Atlantic</i> —Wallingford ch 50; St John's Island 4 80	54 80	<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Martinsburg ch 10; Fredericktown ch 11 45; Milford ch 16	37 45
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Westfield ch Sab-sch	10 00	<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —First Kittanning ch	54 00
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Andover ch	3 00	<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —West Okaw ch,	15 00
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Salem ch	10 35	<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Odin ch Sab-sch	10 00
<i>Pby of Catawba</i> —Coloured sch, Brookville 21; Coloured sch, Lexington 15; Coloured sch, Bladen 15 25; Coloured ch, Gold Hill 1 30; Coloured ch, Mocksville 4 90; Coloured ch. Mt Tabor 20; Coloured ch. Metansville 3; Coloured ch, Charlotte 9 35; Coloured ch, McClintock 3; Coloured ch, Mt Olives 1 80; Coloured ch, Woodland 2; Coloured ch, Miranda 2; Coloured sch, Greensboro 8; Coloured chs, in Charlotte Mission 80	186 60	<i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Macomb ch	14 00
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —New York ch 4, Sab-sch 4	8 00	<i>Pby of S Minnesota</i> —Ashland ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Seventh ch, Cincinnati	78 75	<i>Pby of St Paul</i> —Greenleaf ch	2 75
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Rye ch 75 45; North Salem ch 5	80 45	<i>Pby of Vincennes</i> —Princeton ch	12 00
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Scotch Grove ch	15 00	<i>Pby of Warren</i> —Galesburg ch	9 00
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —New Providence ch,	10 00	<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Apple Creek ch 10 85; West Salem ch 4 75; Congress ch 3 97	24 57
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Washington ch 4; Georgetown ch 10	14 00	<i>Pby of White Water</i> —Mt Carmel	6 00
<i>Pby of Findlay</i> —First ch Findlay	73 00	<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Waynesville ch	5 35
<i>Pby of Hocking</i> —Athens ch	10 00		
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —First and 2d chs Dayton	57 30		
<i>Pby of New York</i> 2d—Peekskill ch	46 88		
<i>Pby of New York</i> —University Place ch	600 00		
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Poland ch 88 50; Poland aid Soc 6 50	95 00		
		Total receipts in October,	\$1872 81
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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Notice.

We remind our readers that the financial year of the Board of Domestic Missions will close with the month of February, and that contributions, in order to be included in the receipts of this year, should be forwarded in time to reach the office on or before the first of March.

We also remind all concerned, that, according to the rules of the Board, no church can receive an appropriation which has not taken up a collection for the Board during the year.

We hope that no church will allow itself to be reported to the General Assembly as delinquent, and that not a single church member in all our bounds will fail to contribute to this great cause.

Good News.

It will be gratifying to our friends to read the following extract from the minutes of the Executive Committee, adopted on the 21st of December last:—

“On the recommendation of the Corresponding Secretary, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

“*Whereas*, The receipts of the Board since the 1st of November last have been considerably augmented, and there is reason to believe that the churches generally will continue to increase their contributions; therefore,

“1. *Resolved*, That the Missionaries whose salaries have been reduced twenty-five per cent. since the 1st of July last, when a general retrenchment became necessary, shall have the same restored.

“2. *Resolved*, That, until further ordered, in renewing commissions the Committee will grant the same appropriations that were made the year previous, if the presbyteries should deem the same amount necessary, and provided also the fiscal condition of the Board and the demands that are made upon the Treasury will admit.

“3. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Committee, our first duty is to do justice to the missionaries already in commission, and that in order to carry out the foregoing resolutions, it will be indispensably necessary to decline, in general, new appointments.”

More Good News.

At a meeting held on the 4th of January, the Executive Committee passed the following minute:—

"On the recommendation of the Corresponding Secretary, the following minute was unanimously adopted:—

"Whereas, Since our meeting on the 21st ultimo, when it was resolved to restore the salaries of the missionaries to what they were prior to the reduction, the receipts of the Board, especially those from the city of New York, have been considerably increased, therefore,

"Resolved, That we will correspondingly increase the number of new appointments, and will continue to do so in proportion to the increase of means furnished by the churches.

"And whereas, The amount placed at our disposal is as yet greatly inadequate to meet the wants of the Church and the pressing claims of our vast, and rapidly augmenting population, therefore,

"Resolved, That the churches be earnestly requested to contribute still more liberally, that the Board may be enabled to meet the reasonable and urgent demands that are made upon it; and especially that the more prominent and promising fields may be speedily and successfully occupied."

The present condition of the Board, compared with what it was a short time ago, is highly encouraging and calls for special thanksgiving and praise. In less than four months the Board has been extricated from its pecuniary difficulties; the missionaries fully paid as far as reported; all the borrowed money returned; the salaries of the missionaries restored to what they were prior to their reduction; and now the Board is able safely, though cautiously, to extend its operations.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN DECEMBER, 1863.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Saratoga Springs ch 94 59; West Galway ch 22 55; Amsterdam ch 29 88; Tribes Hill ch 8; Mariaville ch 16; Mayfield Central ch 8; Galway ch 14; Gloversville ch 229 53, of which W J Heacock 100, and E Levensworth 42; Second ch Albany, add'l 2; Ballston Spa ch 24 33. *Pby of Londonderry*—Boston 1st ch 50. *Pby of Troy*—Lansingburgh 1st ch 158 67; Woodside ch. Troy 7; Park ch, Troy 60; Second Street ch, Troy, add'l 58 14 \$796 69

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Butler ch 47 29; Mt Nebo ch 10; Jefferson Summit ch 5; Buffalo ch 15; Slate Lick ch 22 30; Tarentum ch 12 50; Worthington ch 11; Glade Run ch 12 50; Amity ch 20; Harrisville ch 31. *Pby of Allegheny City*—Leetsdale ch. add'l 2; Sewickley ch 146 50; Industry ch 11; Freedom ch 11 10, of which 60 cts from Willie Guy Wolf; Allegheny 1st ch 218 51; First Gen ch 3 25; Concord ch 2; Beaver ch 35. *Pby of Beaver*—Sharon ch 30; Little Beaver ch 15 15; Neshannock ch, add'l 25; Salem ch 21; Westfield ch 10; West Middlesex ch 17; Clarksville 1st ch 88 41; Clarksville 2d ch 40. *Pby of Erie*—Sturgeonville ch 12; Mrs W T Black, of Park ch. Erie 25; Oil City ch 41; Mill Creek ch 20; Washington ch 7 50 1,004 92

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Elliott's City ch 20; Westminster ch, Baltimore,

add'l 210 37; Baltimore 2d ch 95, of which 50 from D D Mallory; Havre de Grace ch 10 40. *Pby of Carlisle*—Rev R McCachren 10; Frostburg ch 6; Williamsport ch 18; Great Conewago ch 32 60; Harrisburg ch 176 37; Getty-burg ch 82 20, of which H M Creary 15, and Sab-sch 42 59. *Pby of Lewes*—Dover ch 3; Buckingham ch 15 60. *Pby of Potowmack*—Bridge Street ch, Georgetown, special col 128 64; Falls ch 10 50, of which Sab-sch 4 50 817 68

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Buffalo City*—Alden ch 10; Bethany Centre ch 18 21. *Pby of Genesee River*—Tuscarora ch 5. *Pby of Ogdensburg*—Huron ch 5 90; Oswegatchie 2d ch 27 11; Rossie ch 9. *Pby of Rochester City*—Seneca ch 103 02, of which Sab-sch 25; Phelps 1st ch 153 75; Webster ch 31 25; East Bethany ch 12 375 24

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Bureau*—Edington ch 9; Andover ch, add'l 10; Genesee ch 8 70; Princeton ch 72 84; Coal Valley ch 4 25; Edwards ch 2 39. *Pby of Chicago*—Kankakee 1st ch 16 85; Clinton Centre ch 7; Woodstock ch 15 08; Earlville ch 16 50. *Pby of Rock River*—Morrison ch 17 16; Dixon ch 30 57; Scales Mound ch 5; Hanover ch 7 10. *Pby of Schuyler*—Vermont ch 17; Chili ch 10. *Pby of Warren*—Bushell ch 4; Monmouth ch, from a member 25; Oquawka ch 25; Keithsburg ch 16 319 16

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Greenfield 1st ch 16; South Salem ch 31 70; Bloom-

ingburg ch 22 60; Pisgah ch 16 32; Concord ch 11; Belfast ch 4; Wilmington ch 5. *Pby of Cincinnati—Walnut Hills* 1st ch 285 07; Avondale ch 21 25; Springdale ch 25 51; Glendale 1st ch 22 0; Seven ch, Cincinnati, from Mrs John Baker 50. *Pby of Miami*—New Jersey ch 29 10; Springfield 1st ch 50; Middleton ch 42 60; South Charleston ch 11; First and Third chs, Dayton 63 15; Washington ch 16; Carrollton ch 6. *Pby of Oxford*—Somerville ch 8 10; South Providence ch 7; Harrison ch 12; Bethel ch 26; Venice ch 52 45; Riley ch 16; Seven Mile ch 15. *Pby of Sidney*—Bell Centre ch 5 50; Sidney 1st ch 21 11; Turtle Creek ch 8 05; Buck Creek ch 31; Covington ch 5 934 74

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—U'n on Grove ch 13; Atlanta ch 14 65; Waynesville ch 8 45; Clinton ch 80 10; Philo ch 4; Rev C R Van Eman 25; Farm Ridge ch 15 25; Lexington ch, add'l 7 50; Heyworth ch 25. *Pby of Kaskaskia—Georgetown* ch 5; Zion 6 50; St John's ch 3 80; Greenville ch 11 65; Butler ch, add'l 1. *Pby of Palestine—Kansas* ch 28; Hebron ch 8 50; Wakeland ch 6 25; Mattoon ch 12. *Pby of Peoria—Salem* ch 5 80; Prospect ch 51; Yates City ch 8; Brunswick ch, add'l 5. *Pby of Sangamon—Jacksonville* 2d ch 32 80; Williamsville ch 5 85 384 10

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Indianapolis*—Shiloh ch 5. *Pby of New Albany*—Paoli ch 8 85; 8 85; Tipton ch 7; New Washington ch 7 50. *Pby of Vincennes*—Second ch. Vincennes 37. *Pby of White Water—Union* ch 8; Connersville ch 17 60; Mt Carmel ch 22 45; Pleasant Grove ch 12 125 40

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Tipton ch 55 65, of which Sab-sch 12; New York ch 13 25; Fairview ch 7. *Pby of Dubuque—Peosta* ch 3 25; Epworth ch 3 75; Pleasant Grove ch 9 50; Jessup ch 7 50; Wayne ch 2 35; Zion ch 3; Dubuque 1st ch 55 45; Scotch Grove ch 36 25; Waverly ch 7; Canton ch 3; Bellevue ch 29 45, of which Sab-sch 6 86. *Pby of Franklin—Lansing* ch 5; Chester ch 2 50; Lime Spring ch 6 20. *Pby of Vinton—South Ridge* ch 5; West Union ch 3 50; Bethel ch 1 50; Big Grove ch 2 50; Malaka ch 4 25 263 85

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Leavenworth*—Spring Hill ch, add'l 50; Elm Grove ch 6 50. *Pby of Neosho—Mapleton* ch 6; Twin Springs ch 4 50. *Pby of Topeka*—Burlingame ch 7 50; Auburn ch 3 33 00

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Ebenezer*—Falmouth ch 12. *Pby of Transylvania—Mumfordsville* ch 11 25 23 35

SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.—*Pby of Holston*—Salem ch 18; Mt Bethel ch 12; Pleasant Forest ch 12 42 00

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Palmyra*—Rev R A Steed and family 10. *Pby of Potosi—Marble Hill* ch 7 50; White Water ch 17 50, less for Record 2 50—15. *Pby of St Louis*—St Charles ch 25 80; Kirkwood ch 112 90; St Louis 1st Ger ch 30. *Pby of Southwest Missouri*—Presbyterian collection 2. *Pby of Upper Missouri*—Fillmore ch 17; St Joseph ch 47 15; Birds-eye ch 4 15; Rev W Reed 5; Parkville ch 4 280 50

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—Cream Ridge ch 20; Bordentown ch 16 50; Camden 2d ch 63 33. *Pby of Elizabethtown—Siloam* ch 1; Westfield ch, add'l 16; Rahway 2d ch 138 20, of which Sab-sch 65 20. *Pby of Luzerne—Shenandoah City* ch 43, of which Sab-sch 10 50; Scranton ch 300; Conyngham ch 20; Summit ch 20, of which Jamestown Sab-sch 1 64. Summit Sab-sch 1 92; Jane M'Lean 5; Jos M'Lean 2, from two little girls 2 50, and from "P" 6 93; March Chunk ch 331 69; White Haven ch 22; Eckley ch 24, of which 4 from Buck Mountain; Wyoming ch 30. *Pby of Monmouth—Shrewsbury* ch 2d special coll 20; Manchester ch 8. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Lawrence ch 201 10; Pennington ch 125, of which 18 87 from the Sab-sch and 6 13 from the Infant sch; Kingston ch 87 67; Trenton 3d ch, special coll 60; New Brunswick 1st ch 180 09, of which 50 from the Ladies' Missy Soc'y. *Pby of Newton*—Blairstown ch 103; Stroudsburg ch 71; Lower Mount Bethel ch 23. *Pby of*

Passaic—Paterson 1st ch 42 60; Chatham Village ch 101. *Pby of Raritan—Holland* ch 6 50; German Valley ch 93; Lambertville ch 116; Stockeonecong Valley ch 53 40; Clinton ch 35. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Towanda ch, add'l 23; Monroe-ton ch 14; Barclay ch 9 82; Canton ch 5 50, of which Sab-sch 2 50. *Pby of West Jersey*—Wiliamstown ch 33 83; Pittsgrove ch 1 5; Bridgeton 1st ch 650, of which 85 from the Sab-sch and 59 from the Ladies' Sewing Society; Blackwood-town ch 143 13; Millville ch 30; Hammonton ch 16 30; Greenwich ch 105; Fiserville ch, add'l 6; Bridgeton 2d ch 80 3453 18

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Rye ch, add'l 300; Yorktown ch 44; South East ch 18 45. *Pby of Hudson—Rockland* 1st ch 2 14; Youngsville and Jeffersonville chs 15; Mt Hope ch 35. *Pby of Long Island*—Setauket ch 16 85; Selden ch 2; Holbrook ch 2; Huntington 1st ch 141; East Hampton ch 46 27; Amagansett ch 5. *Pby of New York—Clarkstown* Ger ch 2; Fifteenth St ch Sab-sch 38; Brick ch 4,500 05, of which 5 0 special; Fifth Ave and Nineteenth St chs 19, 269 18, of which 500 special; Flora Falls ch 10; Forty-second St ch Sab-sch 150; 4th ch, from Jas Kydd 5. Those Kydd 5 = 10. *Pby of New York* 21—Delhi ch 100; Peekskill ch 135 60. *Pby of North River—Smithfield* ch 72; Kingston 1st ch, of which 12 50 from Sab-sch 24,977 37

SYNOD OF N. INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordsville—Lebanon* ch 9; Bethany ch, add'l 2 50. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—Albion ch 8 50; Hopewell ch 2 50; Pleasant Ridge ch 30; Elahan ch 7 50; Waterloo ch 10 50; Auburn ch 7 50; Butler ch 2 60; Fort Wayne 3d ch 6. *Pby of Lake—Valparaiso* ch 55; Bethel ch 5 32. *Pby of Logansport—Lafayette* ch 47 52; Delphi 1st ch 15; Wea ch 9 10; Bethlehem ch 5; West Union ch 5; Indian Creek ch 5; Rev D R Todd 10 243 54

SYNOD OF OHIO.—Synodical col 110 62. *Pby of Hocking*—Athens 1st ch 35. *Pby of Marion—Milford* Centre ch 8; Mt Gilead ch 7; Kingston ch 4; Brown ch 4; Iberia ch 11 50. *Pby of Richland*—Mt Vernon ch 47 83; Orange ch 4 75; Shelby ch 8 70; Martinsburg ch 11; McCay ch, in part 15 21; Haysville ch, in part 31 10; Fredericktown ch 51. *Pby of Wooster*—Canal Fulton ch 7 50; Chester ch 10; Congress ch 30 45; Wooster ch 74 66. *Pby of Zanesville*—Salt Creek ch 38 50; Newark ch 23; Zanesville 2d ch 61 31 633 40

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Benicia*—Napa ch 28 60

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal—Chestnut Level* ch 88 50; Marietta ch 50 13. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Spruce Creek ch, Rock Spring Sab-sch 20 75; Huntingdon ch 240; West Kishacoquillas ch 115; Alexandria ch 100. *Pby of New Castle*—Green Hill ch 73, of which Sab-sch 30; Wilmington 1st ch 13 35; Sab-sch 19 40 = 32 75; Upper Octorara ch 107; Benevolent Fund of New London congregation 115, of which Session House Sab-sch 12 54, M A C 15; Red Clay Creek ch 26; Port Deposit ch, from a member, H J R S 10; Forks of Brandywine ch, add'l 12; Rev H S Huntingdon, Wilmington 12 50; Lower West Nottingham ch 31. *Pby of Northumberland*—Minsey ch 13 50; Centralia ch, add'l 1 50; Buffalo ch 28 25; Rohrbaugh ch 5 19; Orangeville ch 6 35; Sugar Loaf ch 3 46; Lycoming and Linden chs 40; Astland and Gordon chs 9; Derry ch, in part 16. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Arch St ch 173 32; 6th ch, add'l 1, from a Lady 10; Medin ch 61. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Trinity ch Sab-sch 25; P" 40; Cohocksink ch 112 91; Spring Garden ch, add'l 1, from Miss J F 50, M A F 30 = 80; Central ch 762 41. *Pby of Philadelphia* 2d—Norristown 1st ch Sab-sch 70 89; Allen Township ch, add'l 1 2,516 64

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—Centreville ch 11 37; Armagh ch 13 63; Greensburg ch 25; Beulah ch 52 25; Polk Run ch 72 41; Plain Grove ch 43 60; Ligonier ch 63 50. *Pby of Clarion*—Callensburg ch 8 70; Concord ch 7 50; New Rehoboth ch, add'l 65 etc; Beech Woods 21, of which Willie Wry 6. *Pby of Ohio*—Monongahela City ch 61 69; Central ch, Pittsburgh, add'l 80 56; Maple Creek ch 12; East

Liberty ch 166 10; Miller's Run ch 15 70; Canonsburg ch 76; Forest Grove ch 48; Sharon ch 20; Montours ch, add'l 1; Raccoon ch 80; Lebanon ch 83 35; Bethany ch. Fem Miss'y Soc'y 33, Male Miss'y Soc'y 72 10 — 105 10; Bethel ch 40; North Branch ch 10; Mansfield ch 47; Centre ch Sab-sch 15 50. *Pby of Redstone*—Tent ch 21 62, of which 6 50 from the Ladies' Miss'y Soc'y; Little Redstone ch 11 88; McKeesport 1st ch 33 46; Bethel and Jacksonville chs 30; Laurel Hill ch 58 05, of which Fem Miss'y Soc'y 14 35; New Providence ch 23; Rehoboth ch 76 50; Mt Pleasant ch 80; George's Creek ch 3. *Pby of Saltsburg—Smicksburg* ch 7 36; Mahoning ch 13; Salzburg ch 116 69; Ebenezer ch 63 08; Parnassus ch 24 02, of which 10 25 from the Sab-sch; East Union ch 14 48; Harmony ch 55 72; Rayno ch 23 14; Curries Run ch 18 40; Elders Ridge ch 28 03; West Lebanon ch 20 47 2,024 52

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—La Crescent ch 20; Brownsville ch 8; Hokah ch 4; Winona ch 42 55. *Pby of St Paul*—Central ch, St Paul 64 39; Prescott ch 17; Westminster ch, Minneapolis 175 25; St Anthony ch, add'l 1 25. *Pby of S Minnesota*—Ashland ch 10 345 44

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Findlay*—Blanchard ch 6 75; Enon Valley ch 5 78; West Union ch 3 72; Ottawa ch 11. *Pby of Maumee*—Toledo 1st ch 12 75; Bryan ch 15 20; Gilead ch 6 25; Toledo 2d ch 2 06; Union ch 3; Hicksville ch 3. *Pby of Michigan*—Westminster ch, Detroit 231; Wood-hull ch 7 307 51

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—Afton ch 9 50; Osceola ch 6. *Pby of Fairfield*—Batavia ch 13. *Pby of Iowa*—Union ch, Fort Madison 46, of which 26 35 from the Sab-sch; Pilot Grove ch, add'l 25 cts; Sharon ch 9 05; Wapello ch 2 50; Westminster ch. Keokuk 155. *Pby of Missouri River*—Bellevue ch 8; Sioux City ch 18; Council Bluffs ch 54 32; Nebraska City ch 12 63 334 25

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Bethesda ch 7 50; Long's Run ch 14; Hubbard ch 10; Glasgow ch 3 40. *Pby of St Clairsville*—St Clairsville ch 47; Fairview ch 5; Concord ch 26; Bethel ch 5 10. *Pby of Steubenville*—New Philadelphia ch 15; Evan's Creek ch 10; Linton ch 10; Annapolis ch 4; Beech Spring ch 21; Feed Spring ch 8. *Pby of Washington*—Forks of Wheeling ch 210; Lower Buffalo ch 15; Pine Grove ch 3 25; Washington 1st ch, mo col 14 50; Wheeling 1st ch 22 35; Cross Roads ch 34; Mt Prospect ch 17; Pigeon Creek ch 29 75; Mill Creek ch 15 70. *Pby of West Virginia*—Buckhannon ch, add'l 3 25; French Creek ch 1; Fairmont ch 30, of which Sab-sch 18; Grafton ch 12; Clarksburg ch 4 80 598 60

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Bellevue 6; Lake View ch, from a Friend of Missions 5; Dayton ch 3; Blue Mounds ch 6 45; Verona ch Sab-sch 2 63; Hazel Green ch 3 35. *Pby of Milwaukee*—Janesville 1st ch 79 21; Costiburg ch 6. *Pby of Winnebago*—Robinsonville ch 13 50; Beaver Dam ch (Assembly) 12; Fond du Lac ch, from David Smith, Appleton 50 187 14

Total receipts from churches, \$41,280 11

LEGACIES.—Three-eighths of the proceeds of the Estate of Maria E Stewart, dec'd, late of Phila. Pa, per Trustees of the General Assembly 3,557 82; Legacy, in part, of Amos Smith, dec'd, late of Lebanon, Ohio 2,449 44, less internal revenue tax 146 94 = 2,302 50; Legacy, in part, of Hon Edward Avery, dec'd, late of Ohio 88; Legacy of Hon Ira C Whitehead, dec'd, late of Morristown, N J 7,673 60, less revenue tax 460 44 = 7,213 16 13,161 48

MISCELLANEOUS.—"70, Princeton College," contents of Missionary box 7 10; Rev L D Potter and family, Glendale, Ohio 5 26; Mrs M Furman, Glendale, Ohio 1; Portage City, Wis 10; Cash 50; "C A H" Newburyport, Mass 1; Mr J R Pierce 7 30; A Lady, Del 5; C Stribling, Catonsville, Md 50; C M, N Y 10; J M C 10; M 2; the Misses Patterson, Washington, Pa 5; Elhattan, Pa, a Friend of Missions 22 50; St Augustine ch, Florida 135 40; Lewistown, Ill, a Friend 100; Mr

and Mrs M C 100; Mrs Sarah M Kittredge, Clarkson, N Y 30; Mrs Mary Ellen Robison, Washingtonville, Pa 5; Mrs Elizabeth Bonney, Schenectady, N Y 1; S A E, Clermont Co. Ohio 5; John E Parsons, N Y 100; Mrs J E De Klynn 5; Mrs Mary Foster, Greensburg, Pa 3 675 56

Total Receipts in December, 1808, \$55,117 15

S. D. POWEL, Treasurer,
No. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

NOTE.—In the last Record Licking ch has a credit of \$15 24, which should have been \$30 72, and the credit of \$15 24 should have been given to Leatherwood ch, both in Clarion Presbytery.

CLOTHING.

1 box from the ladies of 2d ch, Pittsburgh, Pa, value not given.

2 boxes from the Dorcas Missionary Society of West Spruce St ch, Phila, Pa, valued at \$83 20

1 box from the young ladies of the Female Seminary, Lawrenceville, N J, valued at 32 00

1 box from the ladies of Germantown 1st ch, Pa, valued at 152 00

1 cloth coat from a member of the Presbytery of Troy, N Y, value not given.

1 box from the ladies of Glendale 1st ch, Ohio, valued at 73 77

2 boxes from the ladies of Hamptonburgh ch, N Y, valued at 249 00

1 box from the ladies of Park ch, Erie, Pa, valued at 121 24

2 boxes from the ladies of University Place ch, N Y, valued at 584 00

1 box from the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Mercer 1st ch, Pa, valued at 94 87

1 box from the ladies of Westminster ch, Baltimore, Md, valued at 170 00

1 box from the ladies of Fredericksburg ch, Ohio, value not given.

2 boxes from the ladies' Missionary Society of Columbus 1st ch, Ohio, valued at 325 10

2 barrels from the ladies of Blairsville ch, Pa, valued at 184 77

1 box from the ladies of North ch, Allegheny City, Pa, valued at 200 00

1 box from the ladies of Ainslie St ch Brooklyn, N Y, valued at 200 00

1 box from the ladies of Wheatland 1st ch, N Y, valued at 131 00

1 box from the ladies of Wheeling 1st ch, W Va, valued at 180 00

1 box from the ladies of Kingsborough ch, N Y, valued at 50 00

1 box from the ladies of State St ch, Albany, N Y, valued at 250 00

1 box from the Female Missionary Society, of Coatsville ch, Pa, valued at 73 00

1 box from the Ladies' Sewing Society of Peekskill ch, N Y, valued at 214 00

1 box from the Bakewell Missionary Society of Pittsburgh 2d ch, Pa, valued at 200 00

1 box from the ladies of Lexington 2d ch, Ky, valued at 125 00

1 box from the ladies of Milton ch, Pa, valued at 112 00

\$4,555 95

The box acknowledged in the last Record from Easton 1st ch as worth \$260 should have been \$360.

MISSION HOUSE.

No. 907 ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

Cor. Sec. pro tem.—Rev. G. W. MUSGRAVE, D.D.
Treasurer—SAMUEL D. POWEL

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTEOUS, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

They shall not labour in vain,
Nor bring forth for trouble,
For they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord,
And their offspring with them.
And it shall come to pass,
That before they call, I will answer,
And while they are yet speaking, I will hear.—ISAIAH lxv.

Estimates for the Next Year.

The following resolutions were adopted at the January meeting of the Board of Education:—

Resolved, 1. That it is the estimate of this Board that, in order to meet the pledges to candidates for the ministry, and also to grant as liberally as it ought the *extra* appropriations which the General Assembly has recommended to be granted to many who, while the present cost of living continues, require more than the ordinary allowance, the sum of *fifty-five thousand dollars* will be needed in the *Ministerial Department* during the ensuing year:—in order to raise this amount the contributions of the churches generally should be increased one-half beyond those of the past year.

2. That in the *School Department* the Board cannot do justice to the advancing interest in schools among foreign populations, and aid those which look to the Church for help from destitute regions, with a less sum than *ten thousand dollars*; which is twice the amount of the past collections for that Department.

3. That these definite estimates are laid by this Board before the churches in view of the near approach of the days appointed by the General Assembly for the collections for these two funds, out of a deep sense of its responsibility to the highest interests of the Presbyterian Church, and in full confidence that the importance of the objects will secure the active co-operation of brethren in the ministry, and of all whose hearts are alive to the necessity of raising up a ministry sufficient for the wants of the land and the world in this era of Christ's kingdom.

Remarks upon the Estimates.

It may be briefly remarked in regard to the preceding estimates, that the first, relating to the Ministerial Department, is made large for the reason that a fund of a few thousand dollars which had accumulated in it during the years of the war, when the number of students was diminished, is now spent. The Board had not enough on hand on January 1st, to meet the appropriations due for the quarter just ended. As the Spirit of God is again moving the hearts of young men to look towards the ministry of the gospel as the field of highest earthly usefulness, the need of funds for their assistance is felt. Hence the Church must look to its faithful helpers for enlarged contributions.

The appeals from destitute regions of the country, and from the German and French schools, present opportunities for usefulness on the part of the Presbyterian Church, which the Board cannot refuse to hear. The small amounts which have been contributed on the Day of Prayer for schools in February ought to be

at least doubled at once. The articles in the RECORD and other publications have shown this plainly. No danger is more threatening to the church of Christ in this country, and to us politically, than what is to be feared from the settlement in our leading cities, and in our most fertile agricultural regions, of large bodies of foreigners speaking other languages, and under the control of priests or demagogues. The Board trusts the Church will enable it to aid those who may be ready to enter the openings for good which the providence of God may present.

Sketch of a Successful Academy.

In a pretty village of southeastern Kansas, where the Neosho gathers its tribute for the Arkansas river, and in a country undulating, sufficiently wooded, and whose soil is a rich black loam, a Presbyterian colony felt that with the growth of the country they must plant the seed of sound religious institutions, and especially good schools. The nearest State, or other denominational academy or college, could not be reached within sixty or seventy miles in any direction. The country was rapidly filling up with settlers, but most of them were poor. It would require hard work and much self-denial to accomplish the end. But these Christians were heartily willing to try.

Nearly three years ago they put their shoulders to the matter. In the fall of 1866 they were able to report that a beautiful lot of ten acres had been obtained for the site of an academy, a suitable building provided for its present use, containing two school-rooms, and apartments for the teacher's family, and that a tract of land had been secured, capable of being cut up into four hundred and forty town lots, which was deeded to the institution, to remain the property of the Old School Presbyterian Church. They had also secured a thorough and experienced teacher, at a salary of a thousand dollars a year; one who would take a deep interest in the moral as well as intellectual welfare of his scholars. And they had opened with about fifty present. This was a good beginning.

The next spring an assistant was engaged, and the primary department was separated from that more advanced. A new building was put under contract for the use of the academy at a cost of three thousand dollars. The Board of Directors were able to report that the school had been conducted with ability, and the pupils had made commendable progress and proficiency in study. The school had been opened regularly with the reading of the Scriptures by all the pupils able to read, and with prayer. The Shorter Catechism had been studied and recited weekly. A wholesome moral and religious influence had been exerted over the scholars, and all, so far as possible, had been required to attend church and Sabbath-school. Three or four of the pupils had manifested some degree of religious interest, and perhaps experienced a change of heart.

Last year the faithful pastor, the Rev. S. M. Irwin, stated that amidst much pecuniary trial the prospects of the school, and of the church to which it was a great assistance, were full of hope. "Our congregations are all that could be desired in so new a country, increasing every Sabbath. The church has nearly doubled its membership, and will do so, I trust, before the year closes. I trust with the blessing of God upon my labours, in a year or two to build up a self-sustaining church and academy."

The latest report mentioned that scholars from a distance are beginning to come to the academy, and a good influence has been exerted by it, both far and near. "It is now a good school for the far West. The young people are all well enlisted in the cause, and pay good attention to religious duties." The excellent pastor

who has now the charge of the institution, hopes that another year's aid may lift it above the need of further help from the Board. He laments most the want of a good library, and wishes that some good Presbyterian would collect for them the books which the families of an old neighbourhood could easily spare, and especially some good singing books, which could be used in teaching sacred music. Will not some friend in one of our older congregations, kindly do this good work for these young and earnest people, and send the books to their pastor and teacher? (Rev. S. M. Irwin, Geneva, Allen Co., Kansas.)

The story of this academy is an instance of the usefulness of a few hundreds of dollars sent to a new rising region in the time of its people's need. Property in the town has risen one-half in value since the first appropriations of the Board of Education were made. Soon the people will enjoy comparative competence. And the Church can look upon the foundations of a religious and intelligent public sentiment as laid deep in the social structure of that part of a growing State. It is just such work as this which the Board of Education should be assisted by the members of the church liberally to foster in many portions of our country.

The First and Best for Seed.

An agricultural work, in giving rules to farmers and gardeners, lays it down as an important rule, "the first and best should be selected and kept for seed." The pastor of a church who has regard for the future as well as for the present, and who cares for the planting of the Church of Christ beyond the limits of the fields beneath his own eye, will keep this most necessary principle ever in mind. Without the observance of it, the Church will suffer beyond the arithmetic of earth to compute, will dwindle, and in places "run out." We need not say "will" do so; for it *has* done so in some places. Then cast your eye, pastor, elder, Sabbath-school teacher, or sincere worker for Christ in any position in the Church, over its young men. Study their characters; inquire as to their piety, their capacity, their health, their zeal for the Master's work; suggest the claims of the ministry of the gospel to them, and the perishing condition of the human race; remove their difficulties, counsel them, encourage them. Let this be a principle—*The first and best for seed.*

"The Only Son of his Mother, and She was a Widow."

Extracts like the following from our correspondence tell a tale of love to Christ, patient endurance of suffering for his sake, and the training of beloved sons for his service by mothers (often the wives of ministers) left alone, and dependent upon those sons, which should touch many a heart, and prompt it to send to the Board of Education the means to aid them in their course of preparation.

A brother in the ministry writes us: "There is a very promising young man in my church who is studying with a view to the ministry. He is the sole support of his mother, a minister's widow. He needs help, and must have it, or stop his course."

Vermillion Institute.

A letter from this useful institution says:

"All our students are doing well, who are candidates for the ministry, and most of them eminent for piety and their devotion to the cause of Christ. They keep up a daily prayer-meeting, besides attending other religious exer-

cises during the week. The religious interest in this institution is good, and a number of students have the ministry in view."

Who should Devote themselves to the Work of Missions?

Nor do I consider it chimerical to suppose, that the day is coming,

when it shall be far more usual for men of family, learning and fortune, to devote themselves individually to the work of missions, as so many did in the early ages. In our own Presbyterian Church the early progress was by missionary work, and was marked by great sacrifices, self-denials, and revivals. The spirit of domestic and of foreign missions is one and the same; and it breathed energy into such men as the Edwardses, Davies, the Tennents, and the great pioneers of our communion.

A wide spread glow of zeal would mightily accelerate our aggressive movements. At present we are stagnant. More of this spirit would make us happier, and would sanctify our common affairs; and the day is coming when there "shall be upon the houses holiness unto the Lord, and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar." The impulses of such a consecration, upon the whole work of missions, we may dimly conjecture; but can fully learn it only by blessed experience.—*Selected.*

Can we withhold Help?

A student writes as follows:

I apply to the Board through you for increased assistance. My means are so limited that unless I can obtain an ad-

ditional amount, I will be obliged to quit school for a time, and I can truly say that I long to get through the course and enter upon the more solemn duties of my calling. I feel that God calls me to labour in his vineyard, and my anxious desire is to become qualified for this work. God has truly favoured me thus far. I am entirely left to his providence for support. And now I desire, as the Board sends each remittance, that they will also send their prayers that I may be blessed and made a fit instrument for the Spirit of God.

Remarks upon a Candidate.

The following is an extract from a recent report in regard to a collegiate student:

If my reports seem uniform and suspicious, as if indicating favoritism, it is because of the facts in the case of Mr. ——. I have known him nearly three years, and have never seen the slightest infraction of propriety. He has a character of remarkable symmetry. His traits are gentlemanly and pleasing. His intellect and ability good. Possibly my reports convey a wrong impression as to his ability. I do not think him possessed of genius or talent of the highest grade. But the clearness with which he apprehends truth, and his taste in expression, are unusually prominent.

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN DECEMBER, 1868.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —West Galway ch 9; Second ch, Albany 113 71	\$122 71	
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Annapolis ch 26; Ellicott City ch 12 50	33 50	
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Onarga ch	10 00	
<i>Pby of Blairsburg</i> —Ebensburg ch	15 00	
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Belfast ch 2 85; Hillsboro ch 48 11	50 96	
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Princeton ch 2; Mount Union ch 6	8 00	
<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —First ch, Columbus	35 83	
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Gettysburg ch, of which 1 70 Sab-sch	13 74	
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Bellevue ch	5 41	
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Sinking and Spring Creek chs	110 00	
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —P, Summit Hill ch	5 00	
<i>Pby of Logansport</i> —La Fayette ch, from Sab-sch	2 15	
<i>Pby of Lewis</i> —Manokin ch	31 00	
<i>Pby of Milwaukee</i> —Costburg ch	6 00	
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —New London ch 50; Coatsville ch 23	73 00	
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Danville ch	5 00	
<i>Pby of New Albany</i> —Charleston ch	7 70	
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Dutch Neck ch	13 00	
<i>Pby of New York</i> —First ch, New York	3658 75	
<i>Pby of New York</i> 2d—Greenburg ch 44 52; Scotch ch, New York 127	171 52	
<i>Pby of Palmyra</i> —Rev A Steed and family	2 00	
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —P	10 00	
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> 2d—Holmesburg ch 13 56; Falls of Schuylkill ch 24	37 56	
<i>Pby of Rochester City</i> —First ch, Phelps	14 61	
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Zion ch	5 00	
		\$4,905 27
		LEGACIES.
Estate of Hon E Avery, Ohio 88; Estate of Maria E Stewart, Philadelphia, Pa, per G H Van Gelder		2371 88
		\$2,459 88
		MISCELLANEOUS.
Miss Ann Manson, Philadelphia 1; Com C K Stribling, Georgetown, D C 50; E W Lee, Ballston Spa, N Y 5; John E Parsons, N Y 25; Rev W J McCord, Wassaic, N Y 50 cents		81 50
		\$7,446 65
		II. FUND FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, &c.
<i>Pby of West Lexington</i> —Second ch, Lexington special from Dr J H Scott		50 00
Total amount acknowledged,		\$7,496 65
		WILLIAM MAIN, Treasurer.

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Recent Intelligence.

"ADDED TO THE CHURCH."—Among the Seminoles, one adult—see Mr. Ramsay's letter in another column; among the Greeks, on the 29th of November, three persons; in San Francisco, a Hak-ka man, Chinese, on the 8th of November, who seems desirous of being useful; at Suchow, China, in connection with the mission at Shanghai, a church of nine members and two elders was organized prior to November 14th; at Lorena, Brazil, November 11th, four persons were received, under circumstances which severely tested their sincerity, as stated in another paragraph; at Benita. Corisco Mission, one of the inquirers was killed by the falling of a tree, but Mr. Nassau expresses the "full hope of his eternal safety."

CHINESE IN CALIFORNIA MISSION.—We are glad to see signs of increasing interest in behalf of the Chinese amongst the Christian people of California. Late issues of the *Occident*, an interesting newspaper published in San Francisco, have strongly urged the duty of seeking the salvation of their Chinese neighbours. Mr. Loomis, our missionary, is able to give an encouraging account of his labours, and those of the native assistants. Lately an attempt was made to remove the school, which had been supported by the public funds, but was rent free, from the Mission House to some other place; but arrangements were at once made for continuing the school under the charge of the mission. It is well attended, and well conducted, and it will be kept under religious influences.

MISSION TO THE LAOS.—Communication with the missionaries at Chieng-Mai is infrequent, and usually attended with much delay. Our advices come down to near the end of July, when the brethren were enjoying good health, and were meeting only with kindness from rulers and people. Much interest seemed to be taken in their instructions. The country was suffering for want of rain, and great resort was made to the Budhist temples to pray for this blessing. The king with his retinue of princes and servants had ascended a mountain near the city, and drenched with water the pagoda and the principal idols of a temple that stands upon one of the peaks; a few days after, a procession of one hundred Budhist priests climbed the mountain for the same purpose. They will yet learn to call upon the true God in every time of need.

OUTBREAK AT LORENA.—Some months ago the missionaries in Brazil organized a small church at Lorena. In November Messrs. Chamberlain and Coneiciao visited this place, to hold religious services, and much interest was taken in the meetings. A number of persons applied for admission to the church, of whom four were received. But soon bitter opposition was made, no doubt at the instigation of the priests, which resulted in an attack on our brethren and the attendants on their services by a mob. Serious injuries were inflicted on some of the latter, and for a time the lives of the brethren were in much peril. The case was brought to the notice of the government by the minister of this country, and promises of protection were strongly given; religious liberty is the law of the land, and it will be maintained. Full accounts of this outbreak were published in some of our newspapers, so that we need not give further particulars. In the end it

will be found that the cause of true religion is not injured but only advanced by such violent opposition.

MOVEMENTS OF MISSIONARIES.—Mrs. Walsh and her daughters arrived at Allahabad in November. The Rev. J. L. Nevius, Mrs. Nevius, and Miss Patrick proceeded on their journey to China from San Francisco, embarking on the Pacific mail steamer of December 3d. Miss Nassau would remove from Corisco to Benita in October,—see an extract from her letter on another page.

LETTERS RECEIVED TO JANUARY 14th:—From Lahor, November 21st; Dehra, November 19th; Futtehghurh, November 30th; Allahabad, November 24th; Chieng-Mai, July 24th; Canton, November 13th; Shanghai, November 14th; Ningpo, November 13th; Hangchow, November 5th; Chefoo, October 28th; Tungchow, November 7th; Peking, October 28th; Monrovia, October 14th; Corisco, October 17th; Rio de Janerio, November 25th; Sao Paulo, November 13th; Bogota, December 14th; San Francisco, December 21st; Creek, December 11th; Seminole, December 14th; Omaha, January 5th.

STATE OF THE TREASURY.—We do not deem it necessary to refer often to the finances of the Board. This subject has been brought fully to the notice of our readers. Many of them will wish to know how the matter now stands. We insert therefore this little tabular statement:

Receipts to January 1st.

	From Churches.	From Legacies.	From Miscellaneous.	Total.
In 1868,	\$81,837	\$9,143	\$41,686	\$132,667
In 1869,	55,383	16,888	21,739	94,011

Less this year, - - - - - \$38,656

It will be remembered that no special effort is in progress this year, and also that larger funds are needed this year than last. The mission year ends April 30th.

**Minute of the Executive Committee on the Death of Walter Lowrie.
Adopted at their Meeting, December 28th, 1868.**

It is with feelings of mournful interest that this Committee records this last Minute in reference to the Hon. Walter Lowrie, who fell asleep in Jesus and entered into his rest on the 14th of December, 1868.

In view of the departure of one who, as the Corresponding Secretary of this Board, has been so intimately identified with all its interests for a period of thirty years, and to whose wise and efficient administration it is indebted so largely for its present measure of prosperity—be it *resolved*,

1st. That whilst we bow submissively to this manifestation of the Divine will, we cannot but mourn the loss of one whom we all loved and revered, and to whom even amidst the infirmities of age we always looked for wise counsel and safe guidance.

2d. That we record our high estimate of the ability with which he managed the affairs of this Board, of the indefatigable industry with which he prosecuted its interests, of the wisdom with which he guided its policy in its times of difficulty, of the humble, earnest, and prayerful confidence with which he always carried forward the work, of the persuasive and effective eloquence with which he urged the claims of missions upon the churches, and of the self-denial to which he submitted in sacrificing high secular position, in consecrating his fortune and life and giving his children to be labourers in the great work of the world's evangelization.

3d. That we recognize in his death a renewed call of Divine providence to this Board to be earnest and faithful; and to the churches, to stand firmly by the cause

of Missions, and by increased effort and enlarged contributions to carry forward the work, until the gospel is preached for a witness to all nations.

4th. That we express to his bereaved family our tenderest sympathy, and the assurance of our earnest prayers, that whilst God sanctifies this affliction to their good, he may also fill their hearts with all the consolations of his grace, and lead them, by an imitation of an example so fragrant with blessed memories, to the same benevolent consecration and the same undying reward.

It was further directed that a copy of this Minute be sent to the family of Mr. Lowrie, and that it be published in the *Record* and *Foreign Missionary*, and in other papers.

The Gospel among the Seminoles.

The Rev. J. R. Ramsay writes as follows, from his station among the Seminole Indians, under date of December 14th. It is encouraging to see such proofs of the power of the gospel among this people.—A few years ago they were apparently in a very hopeless condition.

Since I last wrote you, we have had the pleasure of receiving one more member into our church. His case is a rather interesting one. His town has been noted for its strong attachment to the heathenish customs of their fathers. But some time ago their head man was attacked by sickness and died. But to the great surprise of his towns-folk, he declared before his death that he had a long time desired to be a Christian, but that, through their bitter opposition to religion, he had failed openly to profess it. "Now," he said, "I am going to die, I will not neglect it any longer. I tell you I believe in the Christian religion. I believe that I shall go to Heaven," so saying he fell on his knees, and prayed most earnestly to God to have mercy and receive his soul for Jesus' sake. And thus he continued to pray and exhort his people to embrace religion, until his spirit took its flight. The person whom we have received so recently into the church is his brother. Having witnessed the earnest prayers and entreaties of his dying brother, his mind became so deeply impressed that he came of his own accord, and told the Christian brethren here his feelings. He was encouraged and instructed, and after due examination was received by the Session, and baptized on the last Sabbath in November. We hope and pray that he may live to be a burning and shining light to his people. He is a young man, and seems anxious to learn.

On yesterday (Sabbath), I returned from a visit to his town. My interpreter disappointed me, but as I had made the appointment, and was desirous to go and encourage this young brother, I determined to go at any rate and try to do the best I could without an interpreter. So taking two native brethren with me to show me the road, and to assist in the meeting, I went. The day was stormy, snowing. It was Saturday, and we had very poor lodgings at night, a few blankets spread on the floor for a bed and a little softkey for our supper. But we were content, knowing that it was the best our hostess could afford, being a poor woman, and also feeling that we were doing it for Christ. On Sabbath morning we met for worship in the house where the chief before referred to had died. There we had the pleasure of meeting with our young brother, whom I had so recently baptized, also his mother and some others. We all sang our Indian hymns; one of the brethren led in prayer. I then arose and made a few remarks in the Indian language, after which the other brother that accompanied me made some further remarks. We then closed and started home, a distance of about twelve miles. On the way we stopped at a house and held another religious meeting. I delivered a short address at this also in the Muskoke language.

Arriving at home and getting some refreshment, we afterwards attended the night meeting in the school house. There many of the brethren and sisters were assembled, and many sweet songs of praise did they sing, after which I tried to encourage them with a few brief remarks, and then giving way to brother James McKean, who is one of the first fruits of the pioneer missionary labour at Oak Ridge. Thus Sabbath closed, the first in which I had attempted to speak extemporaneously in the native language in conducting religious worship, and having spoken three times during the day. I do not

suppose that I have by any means so mastered the language as to speak it as fluently as a native. This can be acquired only by long and patient practice. But I am glad that I have made a beginning, and believe that by perseverance and with help from on high, I shall at no distant day, if spared, be able to preach with acceptance and with edification to this people in their native tongue. I propose to embrace every opportunity of speaking and writing discourses in the language. I also make considerable use of it in my school in explaining to my pupils what they read, and thus helping myself as well as them. On Sabbaths, for a time yet at least, I shall expect to use an interpreter, for here at the agency we frequently have some hearers who do not understand the native language.

On the first Sabbath in the present month we took up a collection for Foreign Missions. The day was stormy and all our people were not present, but still there were a goodly number, and all natives. The amount contributed was three dollars and ten cents. Sometimes we collect more and sometimes less than this sum, and collections have been made for this cause on the first Sabbath of eleven months in the present year. The whole sum which has thus been contributed is twenty-two dollars and sixty-three cents. This I, of course, expect to insert in my annual report, but that is published only in your report to the General Assembly, and so appears only in the Minutes, which but comparatively few see except the ministry. It occurs to me, now, as our church needs every available means to stir up their benevolence towards this cause, that perhaps it would be well to insert this sum in the *Foreign Missionary and Record* as the contribution of the Seminole church to Foreign Missions. It might prompt some who are giving nothing to begin to give, and might incite others who are giving to give more. It does my heart good to see these poor people, who were so recently heathen themselves, coming in crowds to drop their monthly offering into the hat, whilst all join in singing the missionary hymn, "Go preach my gospel, saith the Lord." If these people, who can scarcely procure a subsistence of food, and many of them come to church without shoes on their feet in this inclement season, can during the year contribute the above sum to help to spread the gospel of their Redeemer, might not those who have for generations enjoyed the light

of civilization, and are now living in opulence afford to give fivefold, yea very many tenfold more. I have read with interest the plan proposed by McC—, in the *Presbyterian*, of each church member giving one cent per day during the year for benevolent purposes, and have some thoughts of trying to introduce it into our Seminole church.

Yours in Christ, J. R. RAMSAY.

Work for Corisco and Benita Women.

We insert an extract from a letter of Miss I. A. Nassau, dated Corisco, October 10th, which we are sure will be read with much interest. It will recall our Saviour's words, when he said, "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation." There is little of the sensational in such quiet, patient labours as these, though it is touching to see a Christian lady of fine culture devoting herself to the instruction of these few African women and children; but who can measure the results for this life and the life to come which may follow work like this?

The days pass very rapidly into weeks, and during the last three months, in which I have had charge of this school, I have been unwilling to relinquish any of my accustomed duties, even for the pleasure of writing to my far-off loved ones. The thought has possessed me with a haunting power that a *brief*, and therefore precious period, is all that may be *theirs to learn* of heavenly truth, or *mine to teach*. I did not feel satisfied unless the close of every day recorded progress in knowledge, in moulding of the character, or increased interest in religious truth as it was imparted from the primer, the translated scriptures, or the hymns. And with grateful heart, I can say that it was a gentler, more interested little band, which gathered around me, in the devotional exercises of our morning school, a week since, when I called them to dismiss for a few days of vacation. I have the hope, that the work of three months has not been in vain, though my ability to impart instruction beyond reading and teaching the hymns and catechism, or *questions*, has been quite limited; for though I may speak about the common things of life, I fear to speak the things of eternal truth with an "uncertain sound."

And my day of work on this island seems ended, the path seems plain to go to the "mainland!" I try to hush the response of my *feelings*, the better to hear if the directing voice of my heavenly Father is speaking by his Spirit and his Providence—"This is the way, walk thou in it." I think the voice of God bids me go, and truly my heart rejoices to have my work appointed among the people where Mr. Paull lived his short, holy life, and where my brother has been permitted to gather those precious fruits into an interesting church.

Am I really privileged to follow such labourers, and will God grant me an equal measure of success? It is more than I had dared to hope.

I had desired large work, but God did not grant *all* I wished for on this island. Sometimes when I looked upon my school of thirteen girls, upon my evening class of a few women, I asked my heart is this *all* that God has for me to do? Then I sought to labour with intenser interest within my little circle.

I waited; now, the answer seems to have come. On Monday, October 5th, the Mission took up the question of sending me in the place of the stronger aid they had promised my brother to join him on the mainland. And his boat is expected here by the middle of next week, himself will not accompany the boat, but a faithful and competent crew will convey me the distance of sixty miles to Benita.

It was most opportune that your letter came at the time of the mission meeting; my brother was here to advise me; his stay was much shorter than usual.

I have told you a part of the plan, part of the work. I know that we are remembered in your prayers, as well as in those of dear friends.

The band in Corisco grows smaller, for there is a whitening harvest field in the "regions beyond." This people have received a full measure of instruction.

Inland Work in China.

We might introduce the following letter of Mrs. Corbett very much in the same way as Miss Nassau's. Who can doubt the useful labours of such Christian women? In this case, we see the work of three kinds of agency—of the foreign missionary, of his wife,

and of his native helper. We may believe, also, that the presence of the little children of the missionary family had its influence—not merely as forming a common bond of sympathy between Christian and heathen parents, but as showing how Christianity cares for children.

ISAN TONG, 40 miles west of Chefoo, China, Sept. 8th, 1868.

My Dear Friend.—The little village of Isan is in a beautifully sequestered spot, at the foot of very high mountains. It is a celebrated watering place for the people of this region, from the fact of having a hot sulphur spring, whose waters are said to be a sovereign remedy for all diseases.

The water as it rises in the spring is almost boiling hot. Bubbles are constantly ascending to the surface and disappearing. At the head of the spring there is an image of the god of fire, who is said to protect the waters.

The spring is enclosed in a large stone reservoir, from which the water is conducted to bathing houses, which are free to all,—men and women having separate rooms. In each room there is a large stone tank through which the hot water runs.

We brought our little children and came to this place for the purpose of a change, and also to preach the gospel in this and the neighbouring villages. We brought a native assistant, Mr. Tsoonge, who is a most efficient helper, also our own servants, provisions, (in part,) bedding, &c. We lodge at an inn, but keep house for ourselves.

The people are very friendly, and have received us with the greatest kindness. We feel much encouraged by the attention they give our message.

One young man says he believes, and wishes to go with us to Chefoo for the purpose of receiving more instruction and baptism. We have evening meetings every night, which are well attended. The head man of the village put a large vacant building, connected with a temple, in order for our use on such occasions. We had public worship there twice on the Sabbath. There were very few seats, so most of the people were seated on the ground floor. Many gave very good attention, as Mr. Corbett explained to them the way of salvation. They seemed de-

lighted with the singing. In the evening the audience was much larger. Mr. Tsoonge preached first, and Mr. Corbett afterwards. The people did not seem to want to leave the place till they were invited to come again the next night.

This house has since been offered to us for rent, and we are very glad indeed to get it at ten dollars a year. It will make an excellent stopping place for a native assistant. We hope in time that a little church may be gathered here. Chefoo has no out-stations, and Mr. Corbett has been exceedingly anxious to get a chapel in one of the villages for a long time. God seems to have very wonderfully opened up the way for us in this place. The village is central, and a place of importance from the fact of having so many visitors. A man offered us a very pretty lot on which to build a chapel, but we preferred renting the one already built.

We spend our afternoons in going from village to village, and preaching to the crowds who gather in the streets to see us. Very few of them have ever seen a foreign woman or children before, so they come in great numbers. Yesterday we had a delightful ride among the mountains. I enjoyed the scenery very much, particularly the clear streams of running water, which I had not seen since leaving my native land. One of the mountains has a very high peak, which lifts its bald head far above the surrounding country. Its precipitous sides are entirely destitute of vegetation. This peak can be seen for miles, and is a land-mark for ships on the ocean.

The country is dotted with little cone shaped hills, most of them cultivated by means of terraces. From the tops of the hills are seen clusters of trees in the valleys, each of which is the sure indication of a village. The houses being but one story high are hidden by the green foliage.

I took my little girl with me on the horse, leaving her brother at the inn with his nurse. As soon as we entered the first village, the women came out and invited me to stop and rest. I went with them to a large stone under a tree, where I preferred sitting, rather than going into any of their houses. They were very curious to examine Fanny's and my clothing, but when I spoke of the object of our mission they listened better than any women I have seen for a very long time. They seemed

exceedingly anxious to remember the name of Jesus. Mr. Tsoonge came and preached to them, and then we all went to another place on the street, where Mr. Corbett was addressing a little knot of men, and again heard the truth from his lips. We afterwards went to another part of the village, where an immense crowd collected. Again we separated the men and women and preached as before. There were a great many children in the crowd, almost all of whom were innocent of clothing. One fine looking old man was very troublesome, professing to know already all that was taught, and interrupting the discourse. Mr. Corbett asked him a few simple questions about the doctrines of Jesus which he could not answer. This let the crowd see how vain had been his assertions, and turned the laugh on him. After that he listened quietly. As we were leaving the place a man brought us some tea, which was very refreshing. We then went to another village and preached twice. At the last place we could not get the attention of the people; they were too curious to see.

Sept. 9th. We went again yesterday afternoon in a different direction, and met with about the same success. The road in some places was almost impassable; we had often to dismount and walk. The last village we visited was the early home of Linn, the elder in the native church at Tungchow. It is a small place at the foot of a mountain. There is a beautiful stream of water running through it. When we dismounted, the women instead of running to see us, as they had done in other villages, retreated to their houses. I took my seat under a large tree, and waited some time, but not a woman came. At last I noticed a couple of women standing by a millstone, and went to them. They invited me to a seat on the stone, and we commenced talking; others seeing there was no danger soon gathered around us. After disarming their prejudices, they listened very well while I told them of Jesus. I have seldom had a more intelligent audience of women.

We are very much encouraged about the evening meetings. Last night there was a great crowd, and very attentive. There has been a steady increase in numbers, and interest every night. We cannot but hope that God is beginning a good work here, and are sorry to be obliged to leave. Mr. Corbett hopes to return this fall if the interest continues.

Sept. 15th. We are all at home again. Our travelling is done in mule litters, which are not very comfortable. We put our bedding in them, and can sit or recline as we choose. We had to spend one night at an inn by the way. It was a very large village. We went out in the evening to preach on the street, but I could not secure the attention of the women. There were so many rude children following us, quarrelling among themselves, thus creating a disturbance, that the women could not hear, nor did they seem to desire it. Mr. Corbett met with more success from the men. In the evening two of them called at the inn, and listened to the truth with much interest. We hope one of them is not far from the kingdom. One of them offered to rent a building for a chapel at a very reasonable rate.

The next day when we stopped for dinner I did not go out on the street with Mr. Corbett, but as soon as he was gone great numbers of women crowded into the inn. I had the most attentive audience I have had on the whole trip. They were more intelligent than most Chinese women, and asked many pertinent questions. It was a pleasure to teach them. They seemed very anxious to learn to pray. Mr. Corbett, and Mr. Tsoonge both preached to them, when they returned to the inn.

We were very glad to get home. Found Miss Downing well and every thing going on satisfactorily.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN DECEMBER 1868.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Second ch, Albany 133 58; Galway Sab-sch, to educate Native helper in Canton 20; Rockwell's Falls ch 1 20; Ballston Spa, mo con 25 54 Sab-sch 17 27 = 42 81. *Pby of Troy*—First ch, Lansingburg 158 67; 2d st ch. Troy 59 14 \$415 49

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Concord Sab-sch 11 10; Scrub Grass ch. Mrs H Leason 5; State Lick Sab-sch 11 50. *Pby of Allegheny City*—First ch. Allegheny City, N A A for American Indians 120. *Pby of Beaver*—Westfield Sab-sch 43; Little Beaver Sab-sch 21 80. *Pby of Erie*—Westminster Sab-sch 30 242 40

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Ellicott City ch 51 50; Broadway Sab-sch, Baltimore 35 50; Harmony ch 101. *Pby of Carlisle*—Middle Spring Sab-sch 44 49; Cumberland ch 67 50; Lower Path Valley ch 33 50; Burnt Cabins ch 12; Harrisburg ch 235 36; Great Conewago ch 20; Gettysburg Sab-sch 26 44. *Pby of Potomac*—Fall's Church Sab-sch 4 50 630 79

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Genesee River*—Oakland ch 5; Bath ch Ladies' Miss'y Soc'y 10 50; Mrs Hannah Edwards 1 — 11 50. *Pby of Ogdensburg*—Hammond ch, balance to con Jas Rodgers Life member 8. *Pby of Rochester City*—First ch, Phelps, 2, Sab-sch 25 — 45; Port Byron ch 46 05 115 55

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Rock River*—Mor-

A robbery had been committed the night after we left. Some clothing stolen. The thief was caught, and most of the things recovered.

Great crowds of men are at this moment passing the house on their way from the temple on the hill where they have been attending a theatre. This is the seventh day that apparently the whole population have given themselves up to this amusement. Our chapel doors have been wide open all the time, and many, from the constant stream of passers by, have entered and heard the words of life.

Yours sincerely,
LIZZIE C. CORBETT.

A Work that Ennobles.

On his return from Singapore, whither he had been for a visit and to attend to the embarkation of his two sons for the United States, Dr. Dean addressed the Chinese in the chapel as usual, saying to the people, if they asked for the reason why he came back to Bangkok instead of going to America with his sons, it was found "in our love for the Chinese and the service of Christ." Dr. Dean adds—

"It is a privilege to have an object of life worth living for. If one can do but little, it is gratifying to labour for a noble object, and the service of Jesus Christ ennobles the humblest effort of his meanest servants."—*Macedonian*, Oct. 1868.

rison Sab-sch, for Benita Mission 35 60. *Pby of Schuyler*—Doddsville Sab-sch 10 45 60

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Hillsboro ch, mo con 5 30. Mrs Helena Barry 5. Sab-sch New Year Gift 100 = 110 30; Belfast ch 3 0; Palace Hill ch 4 23; French ch 24. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Seventh ch, Cincinnati 10; Montgomery ch 28 75; Reading ch 12 188 38

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—First ch, Champaign 40 79; Waynesville Sab-sch 2 50; Dwight ch 5. *Pby of Kaskaskia*—Moro ch 7 58. *Pby of Palestine*—Charleston ch 15. *Pby of Springfield*—First ch, Springfield. Mrs R H Henning 15; 1st Portuguese Sab-sch, Springfield 7 s1 93 68

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Madison*—Hopewell ch 3. *Pby of Vincennes*—Washington ch, Helphinstone Miss'y Soc'y 10. *Pby of White Water*—Pleasant Grove ch 12 25 00

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Cedar Rapids Sab-sch 10; Muscatine ch. Fannie Weiss 1 03. *Pby of Dubuque*—First ch, Bellevue, 6 M. Sab-sch 6 86 — 13 41; Byron Centre ch 5. *Pby of Franklin*—Lansing Sab-sch 5 34 44

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Muhlenburg*—Salem ch. Mrs Elizabeth M and W M Stokes 30. *Pby of West Lexington*—Second ch, Lexington. Sab-sch 25 55 60

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Palmyra*—St Fran-

cisville ch 4; Rev A Steed and family 8. *Pby of St Louis*—Bethel Sab-sch 7 50. *Pby of Southwestern Missouri*—Rev J McFarland 2 21 50

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—First ch, Burlington 28. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—Second ch, Rahway, 130. Sab-sch 7 19 = 137 19. *Pby of Luzerne*—Wyoming ch 20; White Haven Sab-sch 10; Summit Hill ch, 10 20, P 9 80 = 20. *Pby of Monmouth*—Shrewsbury ch 50; Tom's River Sab-sch 2 82; Squan Village Sab-sch 6 50. *Pby of Newton*—Bevidere ch 60; Harmony ch 71 25; Danville Sab-sch 10. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Stoney Brook Sab-sch 9 35; 3d ch, Trenton, special 60. *Pby of Passaic*—Mt Olive Sab-sch Infant Class 3; 1st ch, Morristown 99 57; 1st ch, Rutherford Park 44 51; 3d ch, Newark, mo con 27; Wickliffe ch, mo con 7; Central ch, Orange 20. *Pby of Raritan*—Clinton ch, Ladies' Sewing Society to con Mrs Mary Sigler *Life Member* 35. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Towanda ch, mo con 46 957 19

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Port Chester Sab-sch 14 45; Rye ch, add'l 100, mo con 13 55 = 113 55; North Salem Sab-sch 2 70; South East ch 8 78. *Pby of Hudson*—Florida ch, mo con 5; Monticello ch 29 43; Mt Hope ch, mo con 24 44; Sab-sch 5 56 = 30; Washingtonville ch 27 57; Goshen Sab-sch 50. *Pby of Long Island*—Huntington South Sab-sch 15; Amagansett ch 5; East Hampton ch 96 77. *Pby of Nassau*—Geneva ch, mo con 46 53; Ainslie Street ch, Brooklyn, mo con 28 22; Astoria ch, mo con 30; South Third Street ch, Williamsburg, mo con 94 25; 1st ch, Brooklyn, mo con 76 44; German ch, Williamsburg 13, Sab-sch 7 = 20. *Pby of New York*—Yorkville ch, mo con 1 75; Brick ch, mo con 102 58. Mission ch 11 50 = 114 08; 1st ch, New York, mo con 177 41; Potts Memorial ch 15 70; University Place ch, mo con 17 65; Chelsea ch 36 58; Eighty-fourth Street ch, J Somerville, 100, Sab-sch Infant Class 12 02 = 112 02; 1st ch, Jersey City 6 60. *Pby of New York 2d*—Peekskill ch, mo con 36 57; Scotch ch New York, mo con, June, Oct., Nov., 321; R Carter & Bros 500 = 821. *Pby of North River*—Kingston ch, 67 50, Sab-sch 12 50 = 80; Calvary ch, Newburg 29 27, 2142 32

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIA.—*Pby of Furrukhabad*—Furrukhabad City Mission ch 44 86. Hindoo and Mohammedan Teachers 5 14, in gold 50 00

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordsville*—West Lebanon Sab-sch 3 50. *Pby of Logansport*—Lafayette Sab-sch 3 63 7 13

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Hocking*—First ch, Athens 20. *Pby of Marion*—Marion Sab-sch 15. *Pby of Richland*—Perrysville ch, a lady 10, a gentleman 5 = 15; Orange Sab-sch 12 55; Waterford ch 5 10; Savannah Sab-sch 22 cts; Fredericksburg ch 60 25. *Pby of Wooster*—Canal Fulton ch 10 75; Chippewa ch 13, Miss L, for China 5, proceeds of pictures left by Mrs J K Dague, for China 10 = 28; Keene ch 15 25; Shreve Sab-sch 1 50; Nashville ch, Highlands, Sab-sch 9 25; Orrville ch 11; Holmesville ch 28 70. *Pby of Zanesville*—Brownsville ch 49 50; 1st ch Newark Sab-sch 31 49 313 56

SYNOD OF PACIFIC—*Pby of Oregon*—Portland ch, mo con 93; Eugene City ch 10. *Pby of Stockton*—Ione ch 15 25 118 25

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Little Britain ch 22 35; Chancery ch, Shiloh Sab-sch 3 70. *Pby of Huntingdon*—West Kishacoquillas Sab-sch 20; Birmingham ch, Warrior's Mark Sab-sch 42; East Freedom ch 17; Martinsburg ch 10. *Pby of Northumberland*—Newberry ch, Williamsport, Sab-sch, to educate Dina Nath Paul, at Ambala, (credited by error in Nov, to B W Thompson, for support of Teacher) 64; Great Island Sab-sch 7 22, Infant Class 4 45 = 11 67; Jersey Shore ch 60. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Fourth ch Sab-sch, to con Miss Maggie Mahood *Life member* 20; Tenth ch, mo col 67 62. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Second ch Phila 37, P 10 = 47; Kensington Sab-sch, add'l 10. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Newtown ch, Infant Class 13 10; Conshohocken ch, Spring Mill, Sab-sch 4; Holmesburg ch 31 80; 1st ch Norristown Sab-sch 70 90 525 14

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—Armagh ch 16 50; Centreville ch 6 50. *Pby of Clarion*—Mt Tabor Sab-sch 3; Mill Creek Sab-sch 5; Brookville Sab-sch 20 66. *Pby of Ohio*—Bethel ch 21; Montours ch 5 05; East Liberty ch 166 09; Lawrenceville ch, Ladies' Mite Soc'y 20. *Pby of Saltsburg*—Indiana ch 200 463 80

SYNOD OF ST PAUL.—*Pby of St Paul*—South Bend ch 3 00

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Findlay*—Van Wert Sab-sch 3. *Pby of Maumee*—Bryan Sab-sch 25; Union ch 14 15. Sab-sch 6, Lawrence M and Esther H Junkins' Miss'y Box 2 = 22 15. *Pby of Michigan*—South Lyon Sab-sch 2 10. *Pby of Western Reserve*—Lafayette Sab-sch 3 35 55 60

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—Indianola Sab-sch 3; 1st ch Knoxville 10 50. *Pby of Missouri River*—First ch Nebraska City Sab-sch, Golden Rule Miss'y Soc'y 14 27 50

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Coitsville ch 11. *Pby of Steubenville*—Island Creek Sab-sch 15; Wellsville Sab-sch 13 79; Feed Spring ch 10; Annapolis ch 6. *Pby of St Clairsville*—Cadiz ch 76 76. *Pby of Washington*—East Buffalo Sab-sch 10 40; 1st ch Wheeling 22 35; 1st ch Washington 14 40; 4th ch Wheeling Sab-sch 20 31. *Pby of West Virginia*—French Creek ch 11 75; Buckhannon ch 6 25 217 01

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Rockville ch 4; Hurricane ch 1. *Pby of Milwaukee*—Costburgh ch 6. *Pby of Winnebago*—First ch Portage City Sab-sch 13 48 24 48

Total received from churches \$6,772 72

LEGACIES.—Estate of Maria E Stewart, dec'd, of Phila 3,557 82; Legacy of Amos Smith, dec'd, Lebanon, Ohio 2,302 50; Legacy of Edward Avery, dec'd, Ohio 87 88; Legacy of Jas A Trimble, dec'd, Highland Co, Ohio 320 \$6,168 20

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Colportage in Iowa.

One of our Iowa colporteurs, a faithful man, writes as follows:

"I have just finished a hard week's work. In that time I have visited ninety-seven different houses, besides spending half a day in repairing my buggy, which was broken in one of our terrible mud-holes. How welcome is Saturday night to the worn and weary! It has seldom been more welcome, than it now is to me, very unwell and two hundred miles from home. (That last thought doesn't make me feel any better.) I am suffering from a severe cold, *the effect of sleeping in an open granary*—there being no room for me in the house. But even that was a better place than my Master had, for He had "not where to lay His head." He had sorrowful days when on earth. So, perhaps, have we. Every day is not calm and bright—every night is not adorned with moon and stars. There are days of gloom and sadness, and nights of anxiety and pain. But a glorious day awaits us; a day that no night succeeds; an everlasting day in which the light of the Sun of Righteousness shall shine gloriously upon us. May to-morrow (the Sabbath) prove to me a foretaste of that eternal day. Then, with the people of God here, I expect to meet the Lord at His own table—not a *Presbyterian* table exclusively. May I be enabled to examine myself of my knowledge to discern the Lord's body; of my faith to feed upon Him; of my repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, going to that table unworthily, I eat and drink judgment to my own soul.

"J. S. L."

Testimony of a Minister.

The following is from a pastor in Wisconsin, who had received a donation of a package of tracts from the Board.

Dear Brother,—I received the package of tracts, for which I am very thankful. I have sent some of them already on their mission for the good of souls. One lady, into whose hands I put the book called "*The Way of Salvation*," told me afterwards that it just suited her state of mind, removing some difficulties that had been in her way for months. She has since professed her faith in Christ.

I find that *tracts* are valuable helps in my pastoral work, and conse-

quently I always like to have them. Indeed it is one of the ways of preparing the way for the introduction and purchase of the books of our Board. It turns the minds of the people to the religious literature of the institution, whence these tracts are issued. We out here feel truly grateful to the Board for such donations, and my observation and experience teach me that it is one of the ways of reaching many hearts. We hear now and then of cases where these pages of tracts have been the means by God's blessing of saving a soul. Though we ministers are ourselves unable to purchase these, they furnish us with one item, to stir up the benevolence of our people in reference to the wants of our Board, so that in good time I hope you will hear of our little church as contributing liberally to your Colportage Fund.

Your affectionate friend,

J. S. R.

An Example Worthy of Imitation.

A little boy of Erie, Pa., had heard how much the Board of Publication was doing for the poor children in supplying them with papers and books, and he determined to give them his assistance. So, instead of spending his own pennies for candy and trifles, he saved them, and enlisting his little brothers and sisters in the same work, he handed to the superintendent of the Sabbath-school seventy-five cents, asking him to send that to the poor. It was sent to the Board accordingly. May God watch over and cause to grow such estimable efforts to do good, and may this little boy's example be imitated by others. *

A Sabbath-school Helped.

The following acknowledgment is from a missionary in Iowa to whose Sabbath-school a grant of books, &c., had been sent.

IOWA, —————, December 7th, 1868.

Rev. W. E. SCHENCK, D.D.

Dear Brother in Christ,——The package of Sabbath-school books, sent by our Board to our Sabbath-school, has been duly received. It was indeed a liberal supply, and just what we needed. Yesterday our Sabbath-school unanimously passed a vote of thanks to our Board for this liberal aid. I need hardly say that this kindness of our Board of Publication has encouraged me much, since it has given me the means with which to labour. And I would join my own thanks, with those of our Sabbath-school, for the books, etc., granted to us. It is one of the hardest things for a missionary to be hand-tied by the want of appropriate means for doing good, and to see others take advantage of this. But I think we can now hold our own again. Our Sabbath-school now averages eighty to ninety scholars. Yesterday we organized and have now all the necessary officers. I had to manage the Sabbath-school alone before, and had but a few teachers to aid me. We now have brighter prospects.

God bless our Board and our Secretary with his choicest favours.

Yours in Christ, J. B.

Knowledge and Piety.

Knowledge is not to be despised or depreciated. It is earnestly to be coveted and sought. An improved mind may be an ornament and a blessing. But it is not to be mistaken or substituted for piety, nor should the dream for a moment be entertained that education without religion is sufficient to guide to virtue, happiness, and heaven. The fearful reality has often been demonstrated that knowledge without piety has served only to increase the power of man to do evil. This, by the way, is the misery of many systems of education: they cultivate the intellect but neglect the heart. . . . That sectarianism should be excluded from schools sustained by the State is clear, but that all religion should be excluded is a dangerous error. . . . As it is, the greater are the obligations imposed upon parents to teach their children the truth of the Bible, and to provide for them a religious literature. We may here see the vast importance of Sabbath-schools, Bible catechetical classes, and the diligent circulation of religious books among our children and in the community at large. There is danger in cultivating the intellect while the heart is neglected, and there can be no doubt that errorists of all kinds are making large calculations of future success in consequence of the irreligious tendency of the education of the rising race; this is one reason why we should feel deeply interested in the diffusion of religious books, particularly among the young. There is a deficiency in the literature provided by the secular press and by the funds of the State, which must be supplied by Christian parents for their own children, and by Christian effort in behalf of the destitute and indifferent. All this may appear small to some, but drops make the ocean, particles make the earth, atoms make up worlds and systems. Give a religious training to the young, supply them with sound religious reading, cultivate their hearts as well as their understandings, and the next generation will be wiser and better than their fathers.

M.

Let Them Alone.

Beware of bad books, because if *you*, and others like you, *will let them alone, they will soon cease to be published*. Every such book you buy encourages the guilty publisher to make another. Thus you not only endanger your own morals, but pay a premium on the means of ruining others.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

The Board of Publication has just issued the following new works suitable for the Sabbath-school library and for family reading.

I. Golden Hills. A tale of the Irish Famine, a beautiful volume in small 12mo. Price \$1.25.

This tale admirably depicts one of the sharp trials through which unhappy

Ireland has passed, and holds out in bold and clear relief the depressing and distinctive influence of Popery upon its population. It also shows that difficult and discouraging as some labours may appear, it is not in vain that God's children labour to let in the light of divine truth upon those whose minds are darkened by superstition. The volume is full of life and interest.

II. **Mabel Clarke, or Looking unto Jesus.** 18mo. Price 60 cents.

A beautiful portrait of Christian experience, of a young Christian struggling against difficulties, and trying to glorify her Master and do good to the souls of her companions.

III. Footsteps in the Light. 18mo.
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A sketch of child-life and child-experience very pleasantly presented, and well adapted to draw the thoughts and the affections of the young to the Redeemer as the friend of children.

IV. The Silversmith of Jerusalem.

W. The Shiversmith of Jerusalem.
By the author of "Asa and his Family," and "Ellen and her Cousins."
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**VI. Margaret Lawrence, and other
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Eleven chapters, each illustrative of an important lesson, and setting forth in an attractive manner a portion of Divine truth.

VII. The Little Street-sweeper. 18-
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'A charming tale of child-life, in one of its phases not seldom seen in our great cities. The book is delightfully written.

 A single copy of any publication of the Board will be sent by mail, pre-paid, on receipt of the catalogue price.

Address orders to WINTHROP SARGENT, Esq., 821 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

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BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Corresponding Secretary, Rev. H. I. COE.

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The Pioneer's Gift.

A most laborious and self-denying minister, who has for many years preached the gospel as a pioneer, in an application just received, says:

"I, in my poverty, promise one hundred dollars for the church, and five others, (small farmers,) promise each one hundred dollars. About one thousand dollars is subscribed, and we think two hundred dollars more can be raked up here and there in the community. It is intended to prepare materials during the winter, and get the stone and lumber on the ground, and have the building up during the summer. It is to be a frame, thirty by forty feet and sixteen feet high. We expect it to cost about eighteen hundred dollars. There is not a man of any considerable means among us, even as means are estimated among small farmers in a new country. It is designed to get volunteer hauling to get the stone to the ground, and the lumber hauled twenty-four miles."

The Lord will have his Own.

An earnest worker, in referring to what is rare in our new churches, "withholding more than is meet" for the building of the sanctuary, says:

"If we refuse to give when God asks, He will in some way, and that speedily, take it from us. In proof of this position, let me mention one illustration. We called on a church member who ought to have contributed at least two hundred dollars towards the erection of our sanctuary, but instead of contributing this amount, he would not, and has not paid one dollar towards the erection of our church edifice. Is he to-day richer by withholding that amount? No, the Lord has taken that amount and more than that amount from him since. Last summer when we were in great need of money, and were soliciting and collecting all that we could, and he knew it but still refused, he lost two fine young horses. They died standing in the stable without any apparent cause."

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Total for December,			\$2,278 82
DAVID KEITH, Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.			

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Pby of West Jersey—Blackwoodtown ch	51 00
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Pby of New York—University Place ch 772 73; Fifth Avenue and Nineteenth Street ch 2124 53; R L and A Stuart, of do 2,000, of which 1,000 to be Funded	4,897 28
Pby of North River—Marlborough ch 20; Middle Hope ch 6; Bethlehem ch 32	58 00
Pby of Crawfordsville—Crab Apple ch 10 75; Anttrim ch 6 40	17 15
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Pby of Hocking—Barlow ch 9; Decatur ch 2; Athens 1st ch 5	16 00
Pby of Marion—Bucyrus ch	26 00
Pby of Richland—Clear Fork ch 3 85; Perryville ch 9 76	13 61
Pby of Wooster—Millersburg ch 10; West Salem ch 3 50; Chester ch 4; Wayne ch 5; Congress ch 8 50; Jackson ch 12; Wooster ch 45 76 88 76	88 76
Pby of Zanesville—Buffalo ch 12 30; Duncan's Falls ch 7; Salem Ger ch 8 75	28 05
Pby of Donegal—Slateville ch 40; Leacock ch 38; Strasburg ch 26	101 00
Pby of Huntingdon—Huntingdon ch 96 50; Bellefonte ch 169 00; Mifflintown ch 51 23	317 33
Pby of New Castle—Newark ch	7 00
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The following amounts have been received since last report, viz.	
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Pby of Palestine—Hebron ch 7 80; Oakland ch 7	14 80
Pby of Saline—Goleonda ch	7 00
Pby of New Albany—Monroe ch 3 70; Paoli ch 3 40	7 10
Pby of Vincennes—Clairborne ch	6 00
Pby of White Water—Greensburg ch 25 61; Pleasant Grove ch 5	30 01
Pby of Dubuque—Bellevue ch 5 67; Louisville ch 46 90	52 57
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<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Worthington ch 16; Harrisville ch 14; Amity ch 6; State Lick ch 12 50	48 50	<i>Pby of D'megal</i> —Strasburg ch	16 00
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<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —New Alexandria ch 53 75, Sab-sch 11 75 = 65 50; Blairsville ch 131; Congruity ch 17 05	213 55	<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Pluckamin ch 20; Lexington ch 8	28 00
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Towanda ch 18, Sab-sch 2 — 20; Chatsworth ch 10; Clinton ch 19 35, Sab-sch 4 10 = 23 45; Lexington ch 20; Atlanta ch 3; Orange ch 23 49	99 94	<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Westminster ch Sab-sch 13; 2d Mercer ch 32 90; 1st Mercer ch 41 49 = 87 39	
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<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Emmitsburg ch 12 08; Bedford ch 14; Paxton ch 50; Silvers' Spring ch 9; Shippensburg ch 35 75; Harrisburg ch 10 8; Gettysburg ch 10 70, Sab-sch 12 41 = 23 11	251 94	<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Groveland ch	9 00
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<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Mechanicsville ch 7; Summit ch 12 70; Muscatine ch 21 30; Princeton ch 4; Sugar Creek and Wilton ch 6 50; Marion ch and Sab-sch 29 50	81 00	<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Shade Gap ch 3 16; West Kishacoquillas ch 4; Milesburgh ch 4 65 = 47 81	
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<i>Pby of Crawfordville</i> —Carpentersville ch 13;		<i>Pby of Madison</i> —Lexington ch 12; Madison ch 55 91	67 91
		<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Milford Centre ch 7 25; York ch 3 10; Mt Gilead ch 10 50; Wyandot ch 10; Marysville ch 5 50	36 35
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		<i>Pby of Munroe</i> —Tipton ch	2 50
		<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —South Third St ch, Williamsburg	10 00
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Pby of Philadelphia Central—Kensington ch 85; P 10; 2d ch Phila 15 12 110 12
Pby of Philadelphia 2d—Slate Dale ch 7 50; Slatington ch 12 50; Conshohocken ch 10 30; Doylestown ch 17 25 47 55
Pby of Potomac—Seventh St ch, Washington 5 70
Pby of Potosi—First ch Irondale 6 00
Pby of Raritan—German Valley ch 15 35
Pby of Rock River—Dixon ch 22 61. Valley Spring ch 5 = 27 61; 2d ch Freeport 10 50 33 11
Pby of Redstone—Brownsville ch 27 00
Pby of Richland—Haysville ch 32 60; Ashland ch 40; McKay ch 17 09; Olivesburg ch 10 99 69
Pby of Saltsburg—Gilgal ch 6 08; Elderton ch 4 50; Bethel and Jacksonville chs, in part 43; Glade Run ch 20; Marion ch 3 10; Darnassus ch 9 17; Eldersridge ch 10 53; West Lebanon ch 11 85; Rayne ch 5; Harmony ch 15; 1st ch Kittanning 300 458 23
Pby of Saline—Richland ch 7, Hermon ch 5 = 12; Olney ch 4 07 16 07
Pby of Sangamon—Virginia ch 11 35; Assumption ch 4; Farmington ch 13 55; North Sangamon ch 20 55 55 45
Pby of Schuyler—Ebenezer ch 14; Chili ch 8; Wythe ch 5; Doddsville ch 3 50; Carthage ch 23 55 54 05
Pby of Sidney—West Liberty ch 7 18; Union City ch 14; 1st Bellefontaine ch 47, Sab-sch 9 = 53 77 18
Pby of S Minnesota—Albert Lea ch 3 00
Pby of Southwest Missouri—Presbyterian collection 1 00
Pby of Steubenville—Island Creek ch 8 50; Feed Spring ch 8; New Hagerstown ch 29; Pleasant Hill ch 8; Cross Creek ch 7 60 50
Pby of St Clairsville—Morristown ch 7 30; Rock Hill ch 6 26; Mt Pleasant ch 20; Short Creek ch 11; Wheeling Valley ch 5; York ch 5 54 56
Pby of St Paul—First ch Rockford 3 15; Medina ch 1 85; Central ch, St Paul 39 75; St Anthony ch 7 51 75
Pby of Susquehanna—Orwell ch 5; Canton ch 10 15 00
Pby of Troy—Watersford Sab-sch 10 78; Wood-side ch 7 17 78
Pby of Vincennes—Evansville ch 17 20; Upper Indiana ch 8; Petersburg ch 5; Union ch 3 33 20
Pby of Vinton—Big Grove ch 8; Salem ch 10 18 00
Pby of Warren—John Knox ch, Oneida 8; Oquaga Junction ch 2 50 10 50
Pby of Washington—Hockstown ch 23; Forks of Wheeling ch 110; Frankfort Springs ch 2, Sab-sch 1 50 = 10 50; Upper Ten Mile ch 12; Lower Ten Mile ch 3 25; Upper Buffalo ch 32 33; Holliday's Cove ch 5; Lower Buffalo ch 3 204 08
Pby of West Jersey—Bridgeton ch 65; Fiserville ch 22; Greenwich ch 20; Williamstown ch 15 12 122 12
Pby of Western Reserve—Westminster ch, Cleveland 10; Northfield ch 5; Tiffin ch 9 24 00
Pby of White Water—Greensburg ch 31 60; Centreville ch 3 58; Pleasant Grove ch 8 43 18
Pby of Wooster—Dalton ch 79 65; East Hopewell ch 12 40; Fredericksburg ch 88 180 15
Pby of Winnebago—Oxford ch 3 10; Depere ch 5 8 10
Pby of Zanesville—Second ch Zanesville ch 37; Rush Creek ch 5; 2d ch Zanesville, add'l 7 25 49 25

Total amount rec'd from Presbyteries \$6,798 10

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev Cyrus Dickson, Baltimore 25; "A Friend." Marshalltown, Ill 1; Mrs Noah L Wilson, Chillicothe, Ohio, special 152; Miss E M Logan's Sabbath class, Hanover, Ind 1 20; Rev D A Wallace, Lacon, Ill 1 50; J G Dale, Fairbury, Ill 5; A E Meason, Pittsburgh 10; Dr Chapman, Alquina 5; Alfred Hand, (monthly special) 13; Rev S C Logan 10; "Orange" 17 42; S Baird, Clarion, Pa 1; H Means, Ashland, Pa 5; Mrs N L Wilson, Chillicothe, add'l, special 150; Mrs Dr Fullerton, Chillicothe, add'l 10; Chas A Newton, Deerfield, Ohio 5; Wm Elliot, Birmingham Iowa 25; "A Friend," Lewiston, Ill 10; Dr W P Vail 5; Patrick Thomas, G W Thomas 50 cts = 1 50; Harriet H Young, Charlestown, Iowa 5; "T M," Carlisle, Pa 1; "D M B," Danville, Pa 4; Mrs J E De Klyn 5; Coloured ch, Clarksville, Tenn 7 50; Wm Elliott, Birmingham, Tenn 14; Coloured ch and sch, Columbia, Tenn 89 50; Coloured ch and sch, Columbia, in November 12 32; "Shamokin" 5; Missionary box at parsonage, Astoria, N Y 12; "Tithings," Williamsport, Pa 25; The Misses Patterson, Washingtonville, Pa 5; Rev W J McCord, Wasnic, N Y 50 729 44

Total receipts for December \$7,527 54

D. ROBINSON, Treasurer,
No. 78 Fourth Street, Pittsburgh.

The Committee acknowledge the following donations:—

Package of books from Y M C A, Pittsburgh, not valued
 1 box of cloathing from Presch, Perrysville, Ohio, valued at \$40 00
 1 box of clothing, per Madeline Le Moyne, from friends of Miss Bausman, Washington, Pa, not valued.
 1 package of clothing from friends in Pittsburgh, valued at 80 00

J H Bates of the Charleston Mission reports the following sums collected in September last, in Canada, no public acknowledgment of which has yet been made:

From the Chalmers congregation in Quebec, Canada East	\$33 70
From Knox Pres Congregation in Toronto, Canada West	134 00
From Knox ch, Galt, Canada West	49 20
From Melville ch, Galt, Canada West	10 30
From Individuals, Brantford, Canada West	2 90
Total,	

\$280 10

Collections for BIDDLE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE.

By Rev. W. L. Miller.

C D Ritchie 25; A Whilden & Sons 25; J T McGee & Co 25; Jos Scranton 50; Thos Dixon 20; C F Mattis 10; C Fuller 5; Mrs Cooley and Mrs Price 6; Scranton col. per Rev T 118 39; J Leisenring 50; Mauch Chunk col 100 11; D Bartich, Jr 5; Chas Albright 5; R I Butler 5; Maggie Bellville 10 cts; A B Bellville 25 cts; Edgar Bellville 25 cts; W H Roberts 10; R H Jenks 5; J T Lewis 10; John Weigand 5; W L Du Bois 5; H M Newkirk 5; W G Du Bois 5; Patterson Du Bois 2; A E Weigand 3; In't Sab-sch, Arch Stch 5; John Gibson 10; N Rutherford 5; Jos Brown 10; D W Hunt 5; T P Hunt 15; T F Atherton 5; A T McClintock 10; H H Welles 5; Cash 5; R J Flick 5; C A Miner 5; Calvin Parsons 5; A Smith 2; C Morgan 5; Z Bennett 5; Mrs A M Welles 2; G L Palm 1; Cash 1; S H Lynch 2; C M Steele 1; W W Loomis 2; Cash 1; W E Dodge 50; H L Corning 100; James Stokes 30	
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\$837 10

By Rev. T. P. Hunt.

Col Selden Scranton, Oxford Furnace, N J 25; Dr W A Hunt 10; Dr T E Hunt 10; Mrs Eliza Hunt, Clarksville 5; Mrs Susan McNair 5; Mrs Jane H Scranton 15	
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\$70 00

Total collections,

\$907 10

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No. 3.

BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Stand Up, Brethren.

A wise and good man once wrote, "Our proper business here is neither to grieve nor to whine, but to be men."

This common sense, philosophic, and scriptural sentiment is worthy of the most earnest consideration ; and is specially commended to brethren recently representing themselves and others as " poor missionaries," " starving missionaries," &c., &c. It would seem from many late epistles and recitals abroad, as though that class of ministers represented as ready to endure hardness as good soldiers of the Cross of Jesus Christ, were failing from the earth.

Will this be admitted ? Or may there not be discovered a spirit of whining in these doleful complaints. "It is enough for the disciple that he be as his Master." We rejoice in the assurance that at least three-fourths, if not nine-tenths, of all the missionaries of our Domestic Board have no sympathy with these fault-finding and condemnations.

It is enough for us to know that as the streams of water rise and fall, so those of beneficence, irrigating the moral wastes, are subject to swelling and again to depression. Yet, as in the one so in the other, in due time the streams will flow again, and verdure, and bloom, and abundant harvests will follow. "For Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest :" "God's people shall be willing in the day of his power." Our church has not yet ventured upon a self-sustentation scheme, but only to supplement and aid, just so far as the faith and beneficence of God's people will justify.

Our missionaries are scattered well nigh through all the land, whilst the pitiful cries are heard almost exclusively from a single quarter ; and that, too, from one which many consider to have been favoured beyond proportion. In view, therefore, of the 'esprit du corps' of the missionaries as a class, the highest interests of our beloved Zion, and the honour of our Lord, we entreat, let this whining cease. If continued, its only influence can be to worry and discourage ; but never to provoke to love and good works ?

Thanks to the Lord God and Redeemer ! we are not engaged in a despairing work.

Embarrassments arise simply from the vastness and ripeness of the field, sending forth the old and the increasing cry "Come over to help us."

Only let all our ministers, missionaries as well as others, faithfully heed the injunction of the General Assembly, and of our respective Synods, to bring out before all the people, the mind of the Spirit in the word as to the "grace of giving," and the churches, one and all, double their contributions of last year, to the Boards both of Domestic and Foreign Missions, and *all will be well.*

In rare instances indeed would there be any sacrifice in this,—but simply a grateful response to the voice of the Master—"Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

A MISSIONARY.

Report from Minnesota.

The following extracts from the report of a missionary in Minnesota, contain valuable suggestions, the result, we presume, of personal observation. There can be no doubt that in some instances new enterprises have been projected and churches organized injudiciously, without due regard to their character and prospective growth and usefulness:

"That suffering in the future may be partially prevented, let the following instructions be given to Presbyterial Committees, and District Missionaries:

(1.) That no district missionary, chairman of Presbyterial or other Committees, shall recommend to any persons seeking fields of missionary labour, any place they have never seen, as eligible, or a point where a good field could be developed, simply because it is a point on some important line of railroad.

(2.) That district missionaries, &c., should first of all seek out Presbyterians—the scattered sheep of our own fold, and in the most important points—when these are found, first organize Presbyterian churches: and in no case shall a church organized, be taken under the care of the Board, with any less than five Presbyterians—*bona fide*—and at least one good male member, to serve as elder and circulate subscription papers, for the purpose of raising his pastor's salary.

(3.) Let our district missionaries be instructed plainly and distinctly, that until our whole Presbyterian field is covered, not one church made up wholly of unpresbyterian, or of such persons as say that they prefer other churches to our own, and will join some other church when it comes round, shall be added to the roll of Presbyterian churches and saddled upon our Board to be a dead expense to it. Our Church has *need of thousands of dollars* to expend on live Presbyterian points; not a *single one* to be squandered in keeping free boarding houses, for other denominations to save their means, till it suits them to enter in and occupy to our, in many cases, very material detriment.

(4.) Instruct your district missionaries to look not so much to the *quantity* as the *quality* of their church organizations. We had better have a fewer number of organizations properly sustained, than to have so many not half, nor nearly half sustained. Strength and durability, must be looked after in church organizations. Our brethren of the "other branch" of the Presbyterian Church in this State, have, I believe, but little over half the number of organizations in this State that we have, yet they are stronger. They look to *character* not *number* of such organizations.

(5.) Now, my dear brother, I say again, that "**CAUTION**" must be compelled by that power that has the right to compel it; or the gigantic weight of our undertakings will crush for want of support;—caution, I mean, in organizing new fields and churches, and inducing men to enter in and occupy, who will be left to

do the best they can to get a support; and in that way be crippled, in their usefulness. Let the enterprises now on foot in Minnesota be well sustained, and compel "caution," in their augmentation. I recommend two fields where "caution," in this regard, *must be compelled*—Minnesota, and the new district lately erected in Northern Iowa.

(6.) Instruct your district missionaries never to organize a church when the people to be organized, at time of organization, are not willing to subscribe all in their power to support their missionary, and give liberally to all the enterprises of benevolence in our church; for a people who are not prepared to do these things are not fit to be organized into a Presbyterian Church. It is certainly evident that a district missionary could organize any amount of churches anywhere almost, if the "Board and Eastern Friends" would do the supporting.

Would to God that our churches would furnish all the means we could profitably spend, in carrying on our Churche's enterprises; but so long as we have to work with limited means, we must proceed "cautiously."

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN JANUARY, 1869.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Albany 1st ch 264 99; State St ch, Albany, add'l 250; Albany 3d ch 100, of which Sab-sch 30; Ballston Centre ch 48, of which Sab-sch 10, and mo con 18; Carlisle ch 9; Esperance ch 11. *Pby of Londonderry*—Newport 1st ch 104 16. *Pby of Mohawk*—Oneida ch 105; Oswego 1st ch Sab-sch 40. *Pby of Troy*—Waterford ch 116 37, of which 12 73 from the Sab-sch; 2d ch Troy, add'l 5; Maitland ch 5 \$1,058 52

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Bull Creek ch 14; Natrona ch 8; Portersville ch 6. *Pby of Allegheny City*—Cross Roads ch 40. *Pby of Beaver*—Beaver Falls ch 115 06; Unity ch 31 75; Newport ch 13; Slippery Rock ch 17 38, of which Sab-sch 2 38. *Pby of Erie*—Meadville ch 40 285 19

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Towson ch 120; Aisquith St ch, Baltimore 8 50; New Windsor ch 8; Broadway ch, Baltimore, add'l 10; Chesnut Grove ch 20. *Pby of Carlisle*—Carlisle 2d ch 134 63; Mercersburg ch 83; Harrisburg ch, a special contribution from the Sab-sch class of H. M. Graydon, Esq 25; Seventh St ch, Harrisburg, from Sab-sch female class No 1, 2 50; Upper Path Valley ch 34; Wells Valley ch 13 72; Green Hill ch 25 38; McConnellsburg ch 41 90; St Thomas ch 10 60; Strasburg ch 12 50; Rocky Spring ch 5 40, Estate of M. Patton, dec'd 10 = 38 50. *Pby of Potomac*—New York Ave ch, Washington, D C, add'l 14 73 639 51

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Buffalo City*—Central ch, Buffalo, add'l 57 83. *Pby of Genesee River*—Caledonia ch, a special col 39. *Pby of Rochester City*—St Peter's ch, Rochester 50 146 83

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Bureau*—Princeton ch Sab-sch 34 35. *Pby of Chicago*—Elgin ch 5. *Pby of Rock River*—Galena Ger ch 10; Rock Run ch 9. *Pby of Schuyler*—Perry ch 16 10; Mt Sterling ch 8 15; Wythe ch 5. *Pby of Warren*—Keithsburg ch 15 102 60

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Marshall ch 8; Cynthians ch 3; New Market ch 5. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Bethel ch 18 06; Pleasant Ridge ch 48 15. *Pby of Miami*—Monroe ch 11; Franklin ch 34 10; 1st ch Springfield 49 50. *Pby of Oxford*—Hamilton ch 52 40. *Pby of Sidney*—New Salem ch 2 70 232 81

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Weston ch 3; Chatsworth ch 25; Gilman ch 9 58. *Pby of Palestine*—Greenup and Prairie City chs 4. *Pby of Peoria*—West Jersey ch 21 77. *Pby of Saline*—Salem ch 16; Wabash ch 4; Odin ch 5. *Pby of Sangamon*—Assumption ch 9 70; Springfield 1st ch 74 08; Farmington ch, add'l 10; Springfield 3d ch Sab-sch 33 35; Decatur 1st ch 24 33 238 81

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Indianapolis*—New Prospect ch 7; Franklin 1st ch 33 35, of which Sab-sch 3. *Pby of New Albany*—Bedford ch

17 50; Livonia ch 4; Charlestown ch 40. *Pby of Vincennes*—Upper Indiana ch 5; Petersburg ch 8; Union ch 3. *Pby of White Water*—Centreville ch 12 04; Ebenezer ch 2 90 132 79

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Muscatine ch Sab-sch 6 70; Iowa City 1st ch 60; Davenport ch 73 91; Fulton ch 5; Rev J D Mason 5. *Pby of Dubuque*—Independence Ger ch 5 20. *Pby of Fort Dodge*—Clarksville ch 5; Algona ch 5. *Pby of Vinton*—Big Grove ch 5 170 91

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Neosho*—Iola ch 10 00

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Transylvania*—Richmond ch 36 50; Paint Lick ch 36 50; Danville 1st ch 132 70; Danville 2d ch 252 95. *Pby of Paducah*—Marion ch 39; Fredonia ch 4 50 513 15

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of St Louis*—Pacific ch 6 30; Cove ch 6; Union ch 4. *Pby of Upper Missouri*—Mirabile ch 10; Albany ch 6; Willow Grove ch 7 59 30

SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.—*Pby of Nashville*—Columbia 1st coloured ch 10 00

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—Camden 1st ch 300. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—Elizabeth 1st ch, add'l 122 45; Perth Amboy ch 25; Plainfield 1st ch 40; Woodbridge ch 75. *Pby of Luzerne*—Newton ch 6; Weatherly ch 42 55, of which Beaver Meadow con 8 25, and Audenried congregation 18 50; Tunkhannock ch 37 50. *Pby of Monmouth*—Squan Village ch Sab-sch 6 50; Village ch, Freehold 40; Manalapan ch 43; Jamesburg ch 17. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Trenton 2d ch 157 40, of which 100 from J S H; Bound Brook ch 55, of which "5 a widow's mite;" Cranberry 2d ch 25. *Pby of Newton*—Mansfield 2d ch 22 18, of which 6 58 from Rockport sab-sch. *Pby of Passaic*—Chester ch 88, of which 50 from a member; Chatham Village ch 10. *Pby of Raritan*—German Valley ch, add'l 1; Frenchtown ch 68; Bloomsburg ch 21. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Wyalusing ch 9; Herrick ch 3 50; Warren ch 12 50. *Pby of West Jersey*—Hammonston ch, add'l 2; Blackwoodtown ch, add'l 6 88; Bridgeton 2d ch Sab-sch 30 16; May's Landing ch 2 18; Tuckahoe ch 2 1,271 79

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Gilead ch, "a New Year's offering" 40; South Salem ch 219, of which Ladies' Benevolent Association 100, Female Charitable Society 32. *Pby of Hudson*—Centreville ch 14; Liberty ch 8. *Pby of Long Island*—Moriches ch 15; Huntington 2d ch 7 84; West Hampton ch, add'l 8. *Pby of New York*—Brick ch, add'l, from Norman White, Esq 300, Geo De Forest Lord, Esq 125 = 425; Fifth Ave and Nineteenth St ch, add'l, from Lucius Hopkins, for Arizona 500; Chelsea ch 14 67. *Pby of New York* 2d—Scotch ch \$200; Peekskill ch 60. *Pby of North River*—Newburgh 1st ch 260, of which Sab-sch 63, Infant class 19 10; Calvary ch,

Newburgh 17 28; Marlboro' ch 38; Middle Hope ch 15 30 1,910 19

SYNOD OF N. INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordsville*—Waveland ch 25; Bethany ch, from L H Adamson 3. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—Fort Wayne 1st ch 178; La Grange ch 21 89; Rev A F Randolph 2 36. *Pby of Muncie*—New Castle ch 19 50 249 75

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Columbus*—Amanda ch 7 41; Groveport ch 9; Lithopolis ch 6; Mt Sterling ch 2; Truro ch 8 25; Dublin ch 11 05; Mt Pleasant ch 45; Blendon ch 7 40; Westminster ch, Columbus 117 25. *Pby of Hocking*—Barlow ch 5 09; Decatur ch 2 56; Sutton ch 3 60. *Pby of Marion*—Crestline ch 11. *Pby of Richland*—McKay ch 1 75; Hayesville ch 2 90; Savannah ch 15; Ashland ch Sab-sch 52 10. *Pby of Wooster*—Chesher ch, add'l 11; Congress ch, add'l 4 25; Wayne ch 16. *Pby of Zanesville*—McConnellsville ch 9 50; Coshocton ch 28, of which Sab-sch 20 376 11

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—Presbyterian ch of Jackson Co, Oregon 40. *Pby of Benicia*—Tomales and Bodega chs 20 90. *Pby of Stockton*—Yreka ch 13. *Pby of Puget Sound*—Steilacoom ch from M F 2 50 76 40

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Wrightsville ch Sab-sch 44 01; Chanceford ch 80, less 6 25 for Record = 73 75. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Upper Tuscarora ch 44 61; Williamsburg ch 68; Bellefonte ch 215 45; Peru Mills ch 11. *Pby of New Castle*—Fagg's Manor 121 40; White Clay Creek and Head of Christiana chs 44; New Castle ch from Mrs A C Kerr 50. *Pby of Northumberland*—Lewisburg ch 110 45; Mifflinsburg ch Sab-sch 3 75; Chillisquaque ch 19; Washington ch 7; Lycoming Centre ch 20. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Fourth ch 60; Tenth ch, add'l from a member 100, Mrs Allen I = 101; South ch, add'l 30; Gloucester ch 6 29; Second ch from a member 10, and from another member 5 = 15; Chester ch 12, of which 20 from the Sab-sch. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Trinity ch 40; Hestonville ch 5; Spring Garden ch, add'l 200, from Mrs E A Smith 100, and Miss A Greenleaf 100. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Bristol ch 33 88; Newtown ch Infant Sab-sch 2; Providence ch from a lady 2 50 and from Miss A JS 2 50 = 5; Neshaminy ch 75; Doylestown ch 30 45; Deep Run ch 2 1,567 04

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—Johnston ch, in part 60; Congruity ch, add'l 1; Wilkinsburg ch 33 43; New Salem ch, anonymous 2. *Pby of Clarion*—Brookville ch 20; Elkton ch 5; Bethesda ch 34 44; Oak Grove ch 4 36; Middle Creek ch 9 20. *Pby of Ohio*—Pittsburgh 2d ch 539 08, of which Sab-schs 55 50; Mt Olive ch 6; Pittsburgh 4th ch 85 75; East Liberty ch 296 83; Raccoon ch, estate of Emeline Kerr, dec'd. late of Washington Co, Pa 50. *Pby of Redstone*—McClellandtown ch 13; Brownsville ch from a Sab-sch class 27 40; New Providence and Greenboro' chs 15; Spring Hill ch 5. *Pby of Saltsburg*—Kitanning 1st ch from "—" 100; Indian Creek ch add'l 113 70, of which Sab-sch 74 20; Mechanicsburg ch 4; Clarksburg ch 15 75 1,440 94

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of St Paul*—Stillwater 2d ch 39 50; White Bear Lake ch 4 25; St Peter 1st ch 49; Forest ch 12; Dundas ch 5 75. *Pby of Chippewa*—La Crosse ch 39 02; Sheldon ch 14, of which, Yucatan Station 2; Caledonia ch 15, of which Sab-sch 5. *Pby of S Minnesota*—Janesville ch 6; Owatonna ch 27 202 52

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Findlay*—Shanesville ch 9 10; Harrison ch 4 65; Blue Creek ch 5 30. *Pby of Western Reserve*—Tiffin ch 10; Rev R B Moore 15; Guilford ch 17 40 61 45

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—Columbia ch, in part 5. *Pby of Fairfield*—Vernon Prairie ch 2; Little Cedar ch 2; Lafayette ch 6 50; Liberty ch 6. *Pby of Iowa*—Mount Pleasant Ger ch 10 15; Round Grove ch 24 50, of which Sab-sch 3. *Pby of Missouri River*—Nebraska City ch, Golden Rule Miss'y Soc'y 14; Bedford ch, Mt Ayr station 6 50, West's Station 6 — 12 50 82 65

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Salem ch 20; Canfield ch 22. *Pby of St Clairsville*—Beallsville ch 13; Powhattan ch 10 60; Wheeling Valley ch 26; Short Creek ch 34; York ch 16; Pipe Creek ch from Mrs Caroline Lockwood

2 50; Kirkwood ch 36 81. *Pby of Steubenville*—Kilgore ch 11 25; Bloomfield ch 16 70; Oak Ridge ch 9; Island Creek ch 36 55; Wellsville ch 18. *Pby of Washington*—Washington 2d ch 23 50; Cross Creek ch 119 65. *Pby of West Virginia*—Morgantown ch, add'l from "J C" 10; Newburg ch 6 431 56

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Richland Centre ch 3; Richland City ch 3; Fancy Creek ch 3 20. *Pby of Milwaukee*—Holland ch 12 50; West Granville Ger ch 5; Beloit 1st ch 58; Waukesha ch 30. *Pby of Winnebago*—Horicon ch 15; Neenah 1st ch 18; Depere ch 20; Juneau ch 5 172 70

Total received from churches \$11,423 52

LEGACIES.—Legacy of Mrs Sarah Limber 25, less exchange 15 cents 24 85

MISCELLANEOUS.—From "A Friend, H" 12 in gold = 16 17; Rev W J M Cord 50 cts; C L M. Morristown, N J 10; Mrs J K. Troy, N Y 25; Returned by a Missionary 28 85; Nannie Campbell 1 25; S M 1; Montgomery, Ohio 5; D M L 25; Rev R Davidson, D.D. 10; Rev T C Anderson 5; Mrs Eliza M Alrich, Winterset, Iowa 5; A thank offering, Weatherly, Pa 50; Anonymous 6; Friends in Illinois 109; F Donleavy Long, Jersey Shore, Pa 10; A class in Newburg Sab-sch Pa 1; Mrs Henry J Biddle, Philadelphia 100; "S" for the Western States 10; Wm McMeans, Watson's Station, Ohio 5; A B K 10; E M W 20; Mrs John Morrison 25; Granite State 4; Mrs C, Peoria, Ill 5; D. interior of Pa 5; Miss M B Patterson, Green Tree, Pa 4; Miss M Peese, Dunningsville, Pa 1; Miss Margaret Smith, Dunningsville, Pa 2 490 77

Total Receipts in January, 1869, \$11,839 14

S. D. POWEL, Treasurer,
No. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

CLOTHING.

1 box from the ladies of the 2d ch, Pittsburgh, Pa, valued at	\$161 19
1 box from the ladies of the 1st ch, Cumminsville, Ohio, valued at	64 00
1 box from the ladies of the Southeast ch, N Y, valued at	137 00
1 box from the ladies of the Derry ch, Pa, valued at	75 00
1 box from the ladies of the Meadville ch, Pa, valued at	142 00
1 box from the ladies of the Frankford ch, Philadelphia, Pa, valued at	80 00
1 box from the ladies of the Throop Avenue ch, Brooklyn, N Y, valued at	300 00
1 box from the ladies of the 2d ch, Philadelphia, Pa, valued at	220 00
3 boxes from the ladies of the Central ch, Cincinnati, Ohio, valued at	550 00
1 box from the ladies of the Salem ch, N J, valued at	250 00
1 box from the ladies of the Rondout ch, N Y, valued at	300 00
1 box from the ladies of the Abington ch, Pa, valued at	160 00
1 box from the ladies of the New York Avenue ch, Washington, D C, valued at	150 62
1 box from the ladies of the Allentown ch, N J, valued at	160 91

\$2759 72

NOTE.—The contribution of \$40 credited to Bethel church, Ohio Presbytery, in the last Record was a typographical error. It should have been \$140.

MISSION HOUSE.

No. 907 ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

Cor. Sec. pro tem.—Rev. G. W. MUSGRAVE, D.D.
Treasurer—SAMUEL D. POWEL

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTEOUS, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.—**MATT. xxvii. 19-20.**

MINISTERIAL DEPARTMENT.

(STATEMENT FOR THE FIRST SABBATH IN MARCH 1869.)

The points which the Board of Education would seek to bring before the churches, in connection with the annual presentation of its work, are,

I. The estrangement of the youth of the land from the office of the ministry of the gospel.

This is seen in all branches of the Christian church. Let us look at it in our own. In 81 of the principal Presbyteries, with which this Board had correspondence on the subject last year, within whose bounds there are 1,840 churches and 168,603 members, it was stated to us that there were 236 students for the ministry. Of these, 182 were assisted by the Board, and 54 did not require its aid. If we allow the former to be the half of those looking to the ministry, we have about 360 in all; that is less than *one* student to each five churches, or *one* in each 468 communicants, which would be about *one* in each 234 families. When we remember that God gives us an intimation of the measure of consecration due as to our sons in the requisition first of every first-born, afterwards of one tribe in twelve of Israel—when we mark the numbers and diligence of the priests of false and heathen systems—when we behold a world lying unconverted eighteen hundred years after an atonement has been made sufficient to wash all the sins of all its sinners forever away—we must stand convicted of great guilt in this matter before God.

And the unbelief and worldliness of the young at the present time must be a subject of distress and apprehension to every reflecting Christian. How few appear disposed to arrest their pursuit of pleasure and gain, and to turn their ears to attend to the dying cries, borne on the gales from heathen shores, of perishing millions sinking to eternal woe! How few raise their eyes from the employments which terminate on self, to observe the hand of the Lord now breaking with a rod of iron the kings and rulers that have set themselves against his kingdom, and the mighty power with which he is bringing low every mountain and hill, and filling every valley, that all flesh may see the salvation of God.

It becomes this Board, in behalf of the General Assembly, to entreat brethren of the ministry to set before the young men of their churches the vast wants of a world of dying men, the urgent claims of the Redeemer's kingdom, and the stress of personal obligation in the case of those possessed of the qualifications for usefulness.

And it is most solemnly urged upon brethren to consider that, since the young require to be informed as to duty, and their course is chiefly shaped by those whom God has placed over them, the increase of the labourers for the world's harvest must depend mainly upon the influence of pastors, parents, and sabbath-school teachers. We who hold such positions will be held responsible in the judgment. We will be honoured in that day in proportion to our faithfulness.

II. The duty of sympathy and prayer for students in the various parts of their course of preparation to preach the gospel.

They need it, that the Divine Spirit may be given them, to elevate their motives and purposes; to sustain them when tempted or discouraged; to inspire them with faithfulness, self-denial, and diligence in study; to make them a blessing to their companions and friends. And, if the world is to be brought to Christ, we ought

to beseech that these dear sons of the Church may be made those mighty and flaming angels of mercy, by whose proclamations of the gospel the nations are to be awakened from their superstitions, and turned to the Lord. There are men to live who will be blessed far beyond the apostles Paul or Peter, or the reformer Luther. Let us pray that among the present students for the ministry there may be some of such men.

III. The necessity that the Board of Education shall have larger means to aid the students recommended for pecuniary aid by the Presbyteries.

About one-half of the entire number of students for the ministry require aid in some portion of their course. Who these shall be is decided by the Presbyteries to which they belong, after careful examination of each case. And no money is paid except after recommendation by a Presbytery, and, further, upon the receipt of a satisfactory quarterly report from the academy, college, or seminary, as to the progress of each student.

The number of students is increasing since the close of the war. There were connected with the Board last year 294. There had been received during the year, according to the report to the General Assembly, 106 new candidates. The recent years have been as follows: 1862, 74; 1863, 38; 1864, 61; 1865, 54; 1866, 83; 1867, 81; 1868, 106. During the nine months since the Assembly there have been received 81.

The Board should grant liberal extra aid, according to the recommendation of the Assembly, in the present expensive times to those who specially require it. And these are not a few. Many are the sons of ministers and others who cannot materially aid them.

Some of the cases are very affecting. Of one it is said, "He is the son of a clergyman, a godly and zealous preacher of the doctrines of grace, one of the early missionaries in this field. He wore himself out, and is buried in the cemetery here. His widow is a very intelligent and devoted Christian woman. She is in feeble health, and with another member of her family is chiefly dependent upon what this son can earn in addition to his appropriation from the Board of Education and the aid of our people here. He is very industrious, prudent, economical, and labours with all his might to aid himself and his mother. He has made good progress in study the last year; has good talent, and a desire to promote the glory of Christ. I believe he will, if spared and educated, make a faithful and useful minister of the gospel."

Some of the candidates are men of great promise for the future. The chairman of a Committee on Education in one of our larger Presbyteries writes of a student, whose influence in hours not devoted to study has been greatly blessed to some poor classes in the neighbourhood: "Brother —— is one of the most zealous, devoted, and efficient workers I ever knew."

The pious relatives of some of the young men are toiling, and making great sacrifices, in order to assist them to prepare to preach the gospel. Of more than one we know, whose widowed mothers and sisters are voluntarily engaged in employments which help to support the family and enable perhaps an only son and brother to go on in study.

During late years the unusually small number of candidates had allowed some surplus to accumulate in the treasury of the Board, which has now been consumed, so that it had not enough on hand to pay the January appropriations; and was only enabled to meet them by the timely aid which some of our stronger churches, through the goodness of God, were inclined to send us.

The Board would call the attention of the churches to the resolution adopted last month: "That it is the estimate of this Board, that, in order to meet the pledges to candidates for the ministry, and also to grant as liberally as it ought the *extra* appropriations which the General Assembly has recommended to be granted to many who, while the present cost of living continues, require more than the ordinary allowance, the sum of *fifty-five thousand dollars* will be needed in the *Ministerial Department* during the ensuing year:—in order to raise this amount the contributions of the churches generally should be increased one-half beyond those of the past year."

Statement of the Board of Education.
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

FOR THE DAY OF PRAYER FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES, THURSDAY, FEB. 25TH, 1869.

[This statement has been published in the church papers, and thus reached the eyes of most of the readers of the *Record*. It is inserted here that it may renew its appeals to any who may not have observed the Day of Prayer for schools, or made then any contribution to the School Fund.]

The Board of Education, in obedience to the order of the General Assembly, would make the following statement in regard to its operations in the School Department during the past year, for the information of the members of the Church, who shall convene upon the last Thursday in February, for prayer to God in behalf of institutions of learning, and to contribute, at the same time, to those under the care of the Church, such aid as they may require.

The Board most anxiously presents the topic of prayer as that which is of most importance. The religious condition of the youth in our schools is a subject which ought to awaken in every thoughtful mind the deepest concern. We leave out of view at present the six millions of scholars in the schools of all kinds in the country, upon whom its future of honour or of shame depends. We ask special attention to the fact that the last Minutes of the General Assembly reported the young persons in our Sabbath-schools to be 221,340. Out of these, and of other baptized young persons connected with the Church, there are, at a low estimate, 50,000 youths and young men possessed of fair intellect and primary education. How many of them *might* become heralds of divine mercy to this vast, dark, sinful, perishing generation of men, we leave others to estimate; how many *are* under the care of the Church with that design before them the Minutes state,—326. We are sure that each of these sums in the Minutes is too small; if they are proportionally so, then less than an average of one in each 150 of the baptized or Christian young men of the Presbyterian Church, less than 6 in each 1,000, have heard the call of the Saviour, “follow thou me;” “preach the gospel to the poor;” “proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.” What are the remaining 149 in each 150, the remaining 994 in each 1,000 doing? What great work calls them?—what are the honours which invite them?—what are the objects so dear to them?—that they should thus forsake the service of the Lord God, that they should let his house lie waste?

We heard recently a painful appeal for ministers from one of our best Presbyteries, in which there were reported eighteen vacant churches, containing sixteen hundred communicants, representing a large, wealthy, and intelligent population, being about one-third of the congregation in its bounds. If such be the vitals of the Church, what is the condition of its extremities? What the condition of the hundreds of millions in anti-christian and heathen lands, now so piteously stretching out their hands for the bread of life? While we spend a day in special prayer before the Lord for the sons of the Church, let these things deeply move our souls.

“Awake! awake! stand up, O Jerusalem,
Which hast drunk at the hand of the Lord the cup of his fury;
There is none to guide her
Among all the sons whom she hath brought forth;
Neither is there any that taketh her by the hand,
Of all the sons that she hath brought up.
Thus saith the Lord,
The Holy One of Israel, and his Maker,
Ask me of things to come;
Concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hand,
Command ye me.”

In the work of helping the noble men who are toiling, and suffering, often greatly, to perform the work of planting and maintaining Presbyterian institutions of learning, there are some points of great interest which might be mentioned, to encourage those who contribute their money. The last Annual Report of the Board furnishes material worth spreading before the churches on this day. Let us only state here some things respecting what has been done since May, when that report was made.

During these nine months the Board of Education has aided fourteen schools, in nine Synods, extending from New York to Santa Fe, and from Wisconsin to New Orleans. Nine of these have a special claim in their missionary character, being for the benefit of French, German, and Spanish populations.

Help has been granted to eight institutions of an academical character, in seven Synods, almost as wide apart.

Two colleges have received assistance, without which they would have been able to accomplish little, if indeed they could have kept their doors open.

The German Theological Seminary at Dubuque, Iowa, has been directly aided (besides appropriations to most of its students,) by help in the support of its Assistant Professor.

Several of these institutions have needed more than it was in the power of the Board to grant; others, which needed aid, have of necessity been refused it.

In all, the Board has made grants to twenty-five schools, academies, and colleges, every one of them in regions, or amidst populations, where the assistance granted was a genuine work for the Saviour, and for the promotion of Christian education, where that was of the utmost importance, religiously and socially.

The wants of this arm of the Presbyterian Church, for the coming year, are such that the Board feels called upon to appeal for twice the amount that has been contributed of late years to the School Department. It would impress upon the attention of those who meet on this day for prayer, in different parts of the land, the fact that the best interests of religion, as committed to our care, will suffer unless our churches give more largely, and unless many that have never given anything in this direction, send pecuniary aid. And the attention of brethren of the ministry is earnestly called to the resolution adopted at the January meeting of the Board, and published in the February *Record*: "That in the School Department, the Board cannot do justice to the advancing interest in schools among foreign populations, and aid those which look to the Church for help from destitute regions, with a less sum than ten thousand dollars, which is twice the amount of the past collections for that department."

In behalf of the Board of Education.

WILLIAM SPEER, Cor. Sec

"ARE WE IN EARNEST?"—Said a minister in a meeting of Presbytery, where desires for a revival had been expressed, "Brethren, the first thing for us to settle is—Are we in earnest?" The solemn question went home to the hearts of those present. They remained till a late hour at night, confessing sins before God, and pleading for mercy upon the souls of their people. That scene was the beginning of a revival of religion in that Presbytery.

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN JANUARY, 1869.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Recent Intelligence.

CONVERTS ADMITTED TO THE CHURCH.—The Rev. R. Lenington writes from Brotas, Brazil, November 10th, that he had lately admitted four persons to the communion of the church. The Rev. Wm. Hamilton, of the Omaha Mission, had the privilege of baptizing sixteen of the adult Indians on the 10th of January, besides two persons, one of them an Indian, a few days before; these eighteen persons sat down with the missionaries at the communion table, and the service was one of deep interest. Another adult Indian was baptized on the 13th of January, and there are some who will probably soon be received as members of the church, besides others who seem to be under religious impressions. This good work of grace, it is hoped, will be extended to others still. It is very encouraging to the missionaries to witness, after such long delay, this evidence of the blessing of God upon their labours.

Some of the annual reports of the missions have come to hand, and in these we see proofs of the Divine blessing in the hopeful conversion of souls. Thus the Rev. J. R. Ramsay reports fourteen persons admitted to the communion of the Seminole church during the year; and the Rev. J. M. W. Farnham, in reporting the condition of the boarding-schools at Shanghai, mentions the admission of sixteen of the scholars as communicants—eleven from the boys' school and five from the girls' school.

PRINTING PRESS AT SHANGHAI.—The number of pages printed last year was 25,698,221—of which over ten millions were pages of the Scriptures; see extracts from the report on another page.

TEACHERS WANTED AT SHANGHAI.—Mr. Farnham at Shanghai sends a plea for two unmarried ladies as teachers. After referring to the urgent need of assistance in the two boarding-schools, he says, "We have long hesitated to ask for the appointment of a young lady to assist us, lest her situation might not be considered satisfactory. But competent judges think that two such teachers might live together in a house near the schools and one of the mission families safely, comfortably, and pleasantly. At any rate here is a field to which, if you can introduce a couple of labourers, we shall give them a warm welcome, and do all in our power to secure for them a pleasant home, and to assist them in their work."

ENCOURAGEMENT IN JAPAN.—The Rev. E. Cornes says, "We are very much encouraged in our work and the prospects of the mission. Doors of usefulness are opening further than we can enter, and there is plenty of work even now for more labourers." He speaks of a class of about fifteen taught by Mr. Thompson every afternoon, studying the English Bible at their own proposal during part of the session. Mr. Thompson has also a night Bible Class of much interest. Mr. Cornes has a class of fifteen bright boys, and Mrs. Hepburn has "a very nice little class of three or four Japanese girls." Dr. Hepburn "has a class reading medicine, which he speaks of with interest." The work of translating the Scriptures has been continued by Dr. Hepburn and Mr. Thompson; the latter "is translating Mark, I think," Mr. Cornes adds, "and Dr. Hepburn has finished John and revised Matthew, and made some other minor translations." Here we

may refer to a newspaper paragraph, now often to be seen, concerning a translation of the New Testament into Japanese, with a specimen verse, &c., in order to add the remark, that this is *not* the translation in which our brethren and those of the Reformed (Dutch) Board are engaged. We doubt not their translation will deserve the confidence of our churches.

MOVEMENTS OF MISSIONARIES.—The Rev. S. Reutlinger and his wife were about to remove from Corisco to Benita at the date of our last letter; the brethren are very anxious that more labourers should be sent to their field. The Rev. J. M. Alexander and his wife were transferred by the mission from Allahabad to Mynpoorie, in view of the expected return to this country of the Rev. B. D. Wyckoff and family, for reasons of health. We are glad to learn that Mr. Alexander's health was benefitted by his visit to the hills. The same mission agreed to transfer the Rev. A. Brodhead, from Futtehgurh to Allahabad, in view of the expected visit to this country of the Rev. J. Owen, D.D. The Rev. Messrs. Vandyke and Carrington and their wives had reached Canton, on their way to Siam. The Rev. A. L. Blackford, of the Mission in Brazil, arrived at New York, January the 22nd.

LETTERS RECEIVED TO FEBRUARY 13TH.—From Lodiana, December 26th; Saharanpur, December 23d; Ambala, December 4th; Mynpoorie, December 10th; Petchaburi, November 17th; Chieng Mai, October 3d; Canton, December 14th; Shanghai, December 16th; Ningpo, December 12th; Hangchow, November 23d; Peking, November 27th; Yokohama, December 28th; San Francisco, January 25th; Rio de Janeiro, December 26th; Sao Paulo, December 19th; Brotas, November 10th; Gaboon, from Rev. C. De Heer of Corisco, November 13th; Monrovia, November 24th; Seminole, January 1st; Omaha, February 4th; Winnebago, February 2d.

A New Book on China.

"China and the Chinese: a general description of the country and its inhabitants; its civilization and form of government; its religious and social institutions; its intercourse with other nations; and its present condition and prospects. By the Rev. John L. Nevius, ten years a missionary in China. With a map and illustrations. New York: Harper and Brothers, Publishers, Franklin Square. 1869." [Pages 456. Price \$1.75.]

This volume does not reach us in time to be fully noticed in our present issue, as we have not yet been able to read it. The full title, however, given above, conveys doubtless a correct idea of its general character, showing that it must be a manual of varied and useful information concerning the largest missionary field in the world. Those of our readers who have had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Nevius' sermons and addresses on missions, during his late visit to this country, will need no other reason for desiring to possess this book; to others it may be commended as the work of one of our esteemed missionaries, containing no doubt abundant evidence of the extensive information possessed by its author concerning China and the Chinese; and we are sure that this information is presented in the clearest manner, and with an earnest purpose of enlisting the deep interest of every reader in the conversion of that people to Christ. We hope this volume will meet with a large circulation.

Missionary Work among the Winnebagoes.

The Rev. Joseph M. Wilson of the Chicago Theological Seminary, went to the Winnebago Indians, in Nebraska, as a

missionary of the Board, to test the practicability of forming a mission amongst them. We insert here his report, dated February 2d, 1869. It will be read with interest. The good

work of the Government teacher is referred to by Mr. Wilson in gratifying terms; this excellent lady was formerly connected with the Board as a missionary among the Choctaws. We trust that her present work will be the means of doing great good.

I reached the Winnebago agency on the 21st of May, 1868, and began my work next day, by shaking hands with and smiling on the Indians.

Miss Hancock, [a teacher appointed and supported by the Government,] took me to see her schools, and I tried to talk to the pupils. I asked them to come next Sabbath to church at the school house. Our meetings continued for some weeks to be well attended. This school house is near Big Bear's Camp, the largest of the three settlements. Miss Hancock had had a Sunday-school at Young Prophet's Camp, and now insisted on my taking charge of it, as she was burdened by the labour of the week-day school.

Both these meetings continued very encouraging, until in August the corn began to ripen, and many families removed to the big field to gather the crop. And now, for a time, we were almost deserted, and I had little or no influence to prevent their working on the Sabbath. But near the last of September the prospect brightened, the Indians returned, and again attended meeting. In October Miss Hancock resumed the charge of her Sabbath-school at Prophet's, and I soon after began a service in the chief's house at Decorah's camp. This is the third village, and one which had had no care from either teacher or preacher. Decorah and his people expressed great pleasure at the prospect of a Sunday-school. And they have continued to give the most earnest heed to the word spoken. They told me one week ago that they were always glad when Sunday came.

The old chief made me a talk last Sabbath. He said he had not heard preaching since his father died—that he was now very glad every time he saw my face, that he thought the young people ought to try to please God.

He intimated that he was too old now to begin a new life, but he so gladly receives the word of truth, that I have great hope that he will soon resolve to serve God.

Since October those who attended at Big Bear's have seemed desirous to know

the truth, and four or five have every Sabbath followed me from Big Bear's to Decorah's. My hearers at Big Bear's now number thirty and at Decorah's forty.

Miss Hancock has from fifty to eighty at her Sabbath-school. The names on her roll book for the day-school number about five hundred.

She and I have always got on very well together. I have tried to visit each of her two large schools once a week, and have always been kindly welcomed and invited to address the pupils. She is most wonderfully devoted to the good of the Indians, and I hope good will result from her earnest efforts to teach them all good things.

I have tried to win the confidence and affection of the Indians, by kind treatment, kind greetings, and frequent visits, and hope I have succeeded well in this effort. I have already spent six hundred and fifteen dollars, and will probably need more to complete the year, 1st of next June. But much of this has been paid for things that will not soon need to be replaced. One pony and saddle, one hundred dollars. Books, cards, pictures and papers, ninety-five dollars. I now have a most excellent interpreter, whose services cost me one dollar per week. I fear I will not soon be able to speak their language, but I will some day. I know the use of many words, but they laugh at my pronunciation sometimes. . . . I am not at all discouraged, but very happy in my hopes of the Winnebagoes.

Mr. Wilson expresses his regret, that the present Indian Agent has resigned his office, and will soon remove from the Reservation. He and his excellent wife have been anxious to promote the best welfare of the Indians. Mr. W. adds, "My visits to the Omaha Mission have been almost weekly. It is a sweet retreat—a dear home to me."

Sudden and Hopeful Death of a Catechumen.

The Rev. R. H. Nassau, M. D., sends us the following narrative, writing at Benita, Africa, September 29th, 1868.

The frequency of deaths among this people for the last two months has much impressed me; but to the heathen death is a frightful thing, and they make it more frightful by their cruel and ex-

travagant customs. One of the dead was one of my most hopeful and interesting catechumens.

When he first applied for admission, he said he had occasionally attended the weekly meetings I had held last year, across the river near the town where he lived, though I do not remember ever having had any conversation with him personally. He had, however, attended the instructions of the scripture-readers in their journeys weekly up and down the coast. He was then reading the native tongue well. No missionary had taught him a syllable. His desire for knowledge was great; and after I had corrected a few errors in his mode of reading Benga, he passed into Mrs. Nassau's English class. You know I have no professed school, but we have many scholars for all that, who come with but little irregularity and voluntarily in the afternoons, after their work for themselves in the forest or on the sea is done. This young man improved very rapidly with Mrs. Nassau. He attended every day while on this side of the river, where he was visiting for some medical aid.

When he first came to speak to me he was still a polygamist, and of course was required as a condition of admission to the class of inquiry to put away one of his two wives. He put away the elder, more hardened in heathenism, and placed the younger, a gentle affectionate child, in Mrs. Nassau's care for education. His own education was interrupted only by his necessary trade-journeys up the river. On one of these journeys lately he was standing in the company of others watching a Molenzyi felling a large tree in a forest clearing. The direction of the falling tree was changed by striking against another, and it fell into the midst of the company. This young man was instantly crushed; the rest escaped. While they were bearing the corpse to the river bank to put in a canoe, they heard that war had been declared by Kouiti against the Walenzyi. They left the corpse and fled, and it lay exposed in the canoe for three days, before it was brought down to his relatives to be buried. I have full hope of his eternal safety. I am told that just a week before he started on that journey, while conversing with some of his companions, he said he was willing now to die,—that he felt he was ready, and did not know what temptations might await him if he should live long. It was a strange remark to be made among a people who do not like to speak of death.

Previous to his becoming thoughtful for his soul, he had made a statement to his companions (equivalent with us to a will) that in the event of his dying before a certain uncle, all his goods should be destroyed rather than fall into the possession of that uncle who had treated him unkindly. I have no idea that that was his *last* wish, but his companions carried it out to the letter, and accused the uncle of having procured the fall of that tree by witchcraft. Though a bad man and deserving but little pity, his life was saved by the intercession of the Christians of this side of the river, and he is living in refuge here. I hope he will remember Christian kindness.

It is one of the desolations of this country that heirs in their mutual jealousy prefer that property should be destroyed rather than that any one of their number should get too big a share. Houses, gardens, boats, clothing &c., are therefore utterly torn down, cut to pieces, or cast into the sea, as soon as the owner dies. Poverty is therefore hereditary.

Mission Press at Shanghai.

We have received from Mr. William Gamble, Superintendent of this press, the annual report of its work and condition, for the year ending September 30th, 1868. The first part of it is here inserted, and speaks for itself. The greater part of the report is in the form of tables, showing the name of the volume, number of copies printed, distributed, and on hand, and other particulars of interest, in the case of each publication, and also the receipts and expenditures, returns of the type founding department, &c. The expenditures amounted to \$12,686; receipts from job printing, \$5,187; type foundry, \$2,354; sales, \$2,259—omitting cents, leaving the mission treasury to supply much the smaller part of the whole outlay.

The year just closed will be remarkable in the history of the press for the successful commencement of electro-typing. Many difficulties lay in the way of introducing, in printed Chinese, this art so important elsewhere. The difficulties have, however, been gradually overcome, and in a few months it is

hoped that the plates for the *Wen li* version of the New Testament will be finished. And now that we have the arrangements completed and men instructed in the mode of electrotyping, we are strongly of the opinion that plates should be made for all our standard publications at as early a date as practicable. The advantages in cheapness, accuracy, beauty, and simplicity of execution are all on the side of electrotyping. The only objection to it is the difficulty of making corrections and emendations after a book is completed. But the Chinese mode of printing on wooden blocks is equally liable to this objection, and it is an objection by no means insurmountable in either case. And when metal plates can be made as cheap as wooden blocks, the Chinese may adopt our method and abandon their own altogether.

There have been printed 25,698,221 pages, of which 10,335,200 pages were the Scriptures. These are principally in the Mandarin colloquial, for which there is a greater demand than for those in the *Wen li* or literary style, the former being the language of the people over more than half of China, and used principally in the North of the empire, while the latter is the language of books and is more used in the South, where the dialects of the people have very little resemblance to the Mandarin. A larger amount of the printing would have been the Scriptures, had it not been necessary to reprint so many tracts. There have been reprinted—seventeen books and tracts in the *Wen li*; four in the Mandarin; five in the Ningpo romanized colloquial, one of which was the *Hymn Book* revised by Dr. McCarter; and a revised edition of the Shanghai *Hymn Book*, printed both in Roman letter and Chinese character, with tunes, which were selected and arranged by Mrs. Farnham. Four new books have been published, viz.: *Skeleton Sermons*, translated by Rev. William Muirhead from Bennett's Sermons on the life and preachings of Christ: *Old Testament History*, a translation into Mandarin by Mrs. McCarter, principally of Line upon Line, containing many illustrations; *Pilgrim's Progress*, translated into Mandarin by the late lamented Rev. Wm. Burns, and a revised edition of Edkins' *Grammar of the Shanghai Dialect*. There is also printed at the press a *Weekly Religious Newspaper* in Chinese, edited by the Rev. Y. J. Allen. It is

intended for circulation principally among native Christians, but is largely supported by many in the Foreign community of Shanghai, who subscribe for and circulate it among their native employees; it promises to have before it a useful and successful career. We have in press an *English-Japanese Dictionary* published by a few Japanese, some of whom are in Shanghai seeing the work put through the press. A fact worthy of note connected with the publishing of this book is, that it is done as a commercial enterprise from which the publishers hope to make what will aid them in receiving a European education. This is interesting as showing how largely that people are laying hold of Western ideas.

Writing on the 16th of December, Mr. Gamble forwards some beautiful specimens of printing in Chinese with small sized type, from matrices made at Shanghai under his direction; and he mentions facts of much interest, as follows: "A Chinaman, here in Shanghai, is starting a printing office of moveable type, [metallic and divisible, in distinction from the native wooden block characters,] and we have now an order from him for type. There is also a government establishment at Suchow for printing by moveable metal type. This shows some progress. I have no doubt metal plates [stereotype] can be made cheaper than wooden blocks." As to other advantages, especially in printing large editions, we suppose there can be no question as to the superiority of metallic type.

Missionaries' Trials.

Dr. Dean, of the Chinese Mission of Bangkok, recently visited Singapore, for the purpose of sending his two sons to the United States for an education. The friends of missions will deeply sympathize with him and his in the great trial they have endured,—and endured in common with many of their brethren in all the history of our missions, and implore for them the succor of the Great Head of the Church, whose they are and whom they serve.

"I made a great gain and our boys made a great sacrifice by leaving their mother behind when they left for the United States. She had her choice;

and though it came near crushing her, soul and body, to part with the boys.—she said, 'I'll go back with you to Bangkok.' But when the old 'Hartford,' with our children on board, on leaving the harbor boomed her good-bye with her big guns, it sounded as a knell to us. Our dwelling was a 'Bochim' that day. Human nature would

have its time of weeping, but Divine grace gained its triumphs, as it always will.

"We return to the old Bangkok home. No glad voices of the boys—no joyful greetings and hilarious welcome from those who have done so much to gladden our hearts and lighten our work for the last four years."—*Macedonian.*

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN JANUARY, 1869.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—First ch Albany 206 49; 3d ch, Albany, 100 67, Sab-sch 30 = 130 67; Galway ch 8 50; Johnston ch 134 16, Sab-sch, for Pio Chapel 59 = 184 16; Ballston Centre ch, mo con 12 87. Ladies' Heathen Sch Soc'y for girls in Bangkok 30. Sab-sch for boys in Bangkok 20 = 62 87; Central ch, Mansfield 10; Broadalbin ch 25; Gloversville ch 232 20, a lady 10 = 242 20; West Milton ch 8 91, mo con 4 25, Ladies' Miss'y Soc'y for Siam 17 = 30 16; New Scotland ch 55; Bethlehem ch 16; Princeton ch 32; Mariaville ch 25; Sab-sch 5 = 30; 1st ch, Amsterdam 19 79; Tribes Hill ch 10 44; Carlisle ch 11. *Pby of Mohawk*—Park Central ch, Syracuse 200; Smithville Flats ch 20 08. *Pby of Troy*—Cambridge ch 108 84, Sab-sch 15 = 123 81; Woodside ch 30; Park ch, Troy 55 57 = 1,503 77

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Centreville ch, Ladies' Miss'y Soc'y 56, Sab-sch 49 = 95; Plain Grove Sab-sch for Tungchow 18; Washington Sab-sch 2; Glade Run Sab-sch 6 50; Portersville ch 10; Tarentum ch 88 10. *Pby of Allegheny City*—North ch, Allegheny City 189 35; Bridgewater ch 25, L Macauley 5 = 30; Freedom ch 19, W G Wolf 1 = 20; 1st German ch 4 86; Concord ch 3; Manchester ch 33 38; Cross Roads ch 40; Leetsdale ch 39 72, Sab-sch 29 = 59 72; Sewickley ch 313 56; Sharpsburg ch 118. *Pby of Beaver*—Neshannock Sab-sch 54; Unity ch 47 23; Pulaski ch 51 35; Mahoning Sab-sch 24 75. *Pby of Erie*—First ch, Meadville 100, Sab-sch for child in Dehra 25 = 125; Park ch, Erie 66; Georgetown ch 25 60; Sturgeonsville Sab-sch 11; Mill Creek ch 24; Cool Spring ch 2 1,463 40

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Atlantic*—Ebensberger ch 8. *Pby of Baltimore*—Havre de Grace Sab-sch 5; 2d ch, Baltimore Sab-sch 100; Broadway ch, Baltimore 37 22; Frederick ch 50; Ellicott City ch, Patapsco. Sab-sch Gray's Factory for Corisco 30, Thistle Mission Sab-sch 11 = 41; Aisquith St ch Baltimore 18. *Pby of Carlisle*—Cumberland ch, a lady 10; Sab-sch 24 42 = 34 42; Emmettsburg ch 33, Sab-sch 31 = 64; Piney Creek ch 13; Seventh St ch, Harrisburg 10; Frostburg ch 6 35; Middletown ch 37 50; Shippensburg ch 122; Paxton ch 100, Sab-sch 15, R Stewart 2 = 117; Lonacconing ch 5; Barton ch 7. Sab-sch 10 = 17; Mechanicsburg ch 73 70. Sab-sch for Tungchow 35 84 = 109 54. *Pby of Levee*—Dover ch 100. *Pby of Potomac*—New York Avenue ch, Washington 74 33. Youths' Miss'y Soc'y to support two native missionaries at Peking 200 = 274 33 1,169 36

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Buffalo City*—Central ch, Buffalo 57 83; Alden ch 8. *Pby of Genesee River*—Warsaw ch 50 60; Portageville ch 17 25, Rev C W McCarthy 5, Sab-sch 5 = 27 25; Central ch, Genesee 36 20; Sparta ch 15 75; Wyoming ch 52, Sab-sch for Scripture Reader in Canton 50 = 103. *Pby of Ogdensburg*—Second ch Oswegatchie 41, Sab-sch 40 = 81; Hammond ch to con Life members 113 492 63

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Bureau*—Woodhull ch 20, little Jessie Grant Barton 60 ets = 20 60; Andover ch 18; Genesee ch 11; Edgington ch 12 50, Sab-sch 5 = 17 50; Calvary ch 16 55; 1st ch Princeton 103 33; 1st ch Aledo 13. *Pby of Chicago*—Woodstock ch, to con Willis Lord Kirkwood Life member 30; Manteno ch 77 74, little boys' Miss'y box 3 56 = 81 30; Kankakee City ch 17 50;

Earlville ch 10; Harvard ch 3 75; Fullerton Ave ch 200; Jefferson Park ch 324 70, for Saharanpur 25, Sab-sch 110 = 450 70; Willow Creek ch 29. *Pby of Rock River*—First Ger ch Sab-sch Galena 6; Hanover ch 7 75; Middle Creek ch 65 25; Spring Valley ch 8; Sterling ch 48, Sab-sch 13 50 = 61 50. *Pby of Schuyler*—Ebenezer ch 28; Macomb ch 36; Carthage ch 45 10, Sab-sch for Lodianna sch 5 25 = 50 35; Ipava ch 28; Chili ch 12; Wythe ch 5; Baseo ch 3. *Pby of Warren*—Keithsbnrg Sab-sch 3; John Knox ch 18; 1st ch Monmouth 175; Prairie City ch 5 50, Sab-sch 2 50 = 8; Knoxville ch 30, Sab-sch 20 = 50; Galesburg ch 85; Altona ch 13; Oquawka ch 4 03, Sab-sch 95 ets = 5; Oneida ch 7 1,712 08

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Eckmansville ch 10; Bloomsburg ch 30 65; Pisgah ch 149. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Bethel Sab-sch 5 50; 1st ch Lebanon 52 30, Sab-sch 11 = 63 30; 1st ch Walnut Hills 799 43, Sab-sch 28 05 = 827 48; 7th ch Cincinnati mo con 18 91, Ladies' Miss'y Soc'y 100 = 118 91; Avondale ch 37 50; Cumminsville ch 29 25; Springville ch 60; Bethel ch 29 09; Montgomery ch 29 72; 1st ch Cincinnati 72 02; 1st ch Glendale 166 08. *Pby of Miami*—Monroe ch 16; 2d ch Springfield 130 20; New Jersey ch 50; 1st and 3d ch Dayton 70 65; 3d ch Dayton Sab-sch 40. *Pby of Oxford*—First ch Oxford 65 81, Sab-sch 5 = 70 81; Hamilton ch, bal 3. *Pby of Sidney*—West Liberty ch 7 66; Zanesville ch 3 73; Bellefontaine ch 78, Sab-sch 15 = 93; 1st ch Sidney 28 79, Sab-sch 10 67 = 39 46; Buck Creek ch 56 2,191 06

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Chatsworth ch 12; Atlanta ch 6; Ridge ch 15 80; 1st ch Bloomington 18; El Paso ch 30; Onarga ch 16 76; Sab-sch 10 = 26 76; Deer Creek ch 12 50; Gilman ch 6 25; Waynesville ch 8 60. *Pby of Koskaskia*—Hillsboro' ch 26 05; 1st ch Chester 9 45, Sab-sch 5 = 14 45; Pleasant Ridge ch 9 05; Nashville ch 7; Georgetown ch 3 50. *Pby of Palestine*—Mattoon ch 15; Paris ch 49. *Pby of Peoria*—Mason City ch 13; Lewistown Sab-sch 51 33; Canton ch 14; Prospect ch 107; Elmwood ch 27 29, Sab-sch 10 = 37 20; French Grove ch 23, Sab-sch 10 10 = 33 10. *Pby of Saline*—Salem ch 6 70; Richland ch 8; Hermon ch 4; Golconda ch 12; Shawneetown ch 56 45; Olney ch 7 86; Odin ch 6 58; Pisgah ch 5. *Pby of Sangamon*—Irish Grove ch 10; Farmington ch 41 89; Assumption ch 3 40; 1st Portuguese ch Jacksonville 12, Sab-sch for Brazil 18 78 = 30 78 699 25

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Indianapolis*—Fifth ch Indianapolis 4; Knightstown ch 11 48, Sab-sch 15 12 = 26 60; Union ch 19 50; Boggstown ch 3; Hopewell ch 46; 1st ch Indianapolis 104 13; Shiloh ch 5 50. *Pby of Madison*—Col Sab-sch, Hanover 1 80; Hanover ch 20, little Jimmy Brown 1 = 21; Donaldson ch 5 35; Bethel ch 4 75. *Pby of New Albany*—Bedford ch 11 32; Sab-sch. Mrs Coulter's class 5 = 16 32; Rehoboth ch 10; 1st ch Bloomington 20. *Pby of Vincennes*—Evansville ch 42 75; Princeton ch 20, Sab-sch 11 = 31; Indiana ch 16 10; 2d ch Vincennes 30 50. *Pby of White Water*—Union ch 7; Cambridge ch 5; Connersville ch 14 50 434 80

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Mechanicsville ch 13 82; Wilton and Sugar Creek chs 14 51; Sunnem ch 10; Marion ch 59 85; Cedar Rapids ch 22; Sab-sch little Jos Craig McClelland's savings 5 20 = 27 20; Red Oak ch 10; Marion ch 5; Spring-

ville ch 5 60; Linn Grove ch 10, Rev R L Adams 4 40 = 14 40. *Pby of Dubuque*—Peosta ch 3; 1st ch, Waverly 5; Hopkinton ch 8 42, Sab-sch 8 58 = 17; Liberty ch 7; Zion ch 4 25; 1st ch, Dubuque, Sab-sch 14 07; Grove Hill Ger ch 4 70. *Pby of Fort Dodge*—Clarksville ch 5; Fort Dodge ch 30 75. *Pby of Frankville*—Frankville ch 33, Sab-sch 2 = 35. *Pby of Vinton*—Toledo ch 7 39; Newton ch 14; La Porte city and Big Creek chs 6 75; Big Grove ch 13 75; Stroudsburg ch 29; Vinton ch 6 25; Central ch 5 25; Shiloh ch 8 40 = 358 84

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Neosho*—Geneva ch 8; Neosho Falls ch 2 50. *Pby of Topeka*—Burlingame ch 21, I M Chambers 10 = 31; Auburn ch 4 = 45 50

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Ebenezer*—1st ch, Covington 143 48; Flemmingsburg ch 25 40. Rev Jas P Hendricks and wife 25, Sab-sch 7 = 57 40; 2d ch, Covington, Sab-sch 67 88. *Pby of Louisville*—Walnut St ch, Louisville 30; College St ch, Louisville 210 20. *Pby of Transylvania*—1st ch, Lebanon 15. *Pby of West Lexington*—Second ch, Lexington 777 30; 1st ch, Lexington 99 = 1391 26

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Lafayette*—Warrensburg Sab-sch 7; Sugar Creek ch 12 25. *Pby of Palmyra*—Louisiana ch 20, Sab-sch, a class 2 20 = 22 20; Brookfield ch 15; Macon City ch 5 30; Callao ch 1 50; Ashley ch 2 55; Ebenezer ch 2. *Pby of Potosi*—Jackson ch 6 55; 1st ch, Irondale 7. *Pby of St Louis*—Emanuel ch 10, Sab-sch 8 20 = 18 29; Zoar ch 13, K 1 05 = 14 05; St Charles ch 13 50; 1st German ch St Louis 50; Nazareth ch 4, a Member 5 = 9. *Pby of Upper Missouri*—Oregon ch 15; Savannah ch 23. Sab-sch 4 18 = 27 18; Parkville ch 7; Filmore ch 10 25 = 245 73

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—Presbyterian ch, Jackson Co, Oregon 20. *Pby of Benicia*—Napa City ch 35 = 55 00

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Strasburg ch 31 60, Sab-sch 73 39 = 104 93; Chanceryford ch 53 75; Lancaster ch 75; Union ch 27, Sab-sch 13 = 40; Pequa ch 103. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Shade Gap ch 77, Pastor's Offering 5, Jennie, Libbie, and Josie, 1 90 = 22 67; Milesburg ch 5 81; Spruce Creek ch 72 11; Bald Eagle ch 12 40; Sinking Valley ch 33 89; Alexandria ch 11; Bethel ch 15; Hollidaysburg ch 66 39; Ladies's Foreign Miss'y Soc'y for Allahabad 80 15; Sab-sch 30 09; Children of Jos Robinson 2 82; Children of Daniel K — 55 cts = 180; Birmingham ch 4 27 65; West Kishacoquillas ch 100; Upper Tuscarora ch 50; Spring Creek ch, Infant Sab-sch 6. *Pby of New Castle*—Lower Brandywine ch 24 56; New Castle ch, mo coll 64 94, Mrs A C Kerr 50, Mrs D Couper 25, Mrs Kennedy 10, Mrs Cannon 1, Mrs Black 2, Miss Dusenberry 2 50, Mrs Lesley 5, Miss A Niven 5, Mr William Couper and family 47. S 3 Sab-sch 25 81 = 241 23; Upper Octorara ch 130 85. *Pby of Northumberland*—McEwensville ch 11; Lycoming Centre ch 20; Mifflinburg ch 12 95, Mrs Reardon 2 = 14 95; Grove ch, Danville 61, Sab-sch 40 = 101; Sunbury ch 30, Sab-sch 38 76 = 63 76; Newberry ch 52 50, Sab-sch to con Rev A D Hawn, *Life Member* 52 50 = 105; 1stch, New Berlin 17 35; Hartleton ch 9 48; Mahoning ch, Danville 128 66; Washington ch 10 25. *Pby of Philadelphia*—South ch, Infant Sab-sch 21; Fourth ch, Philadelphia 40; Tenth ch, Philadelphia 95 03, mo coll 17 78, Mr H W Pitkin 50, Mrs Biddle 100 = 1,118 81; West Spruce St ch 252; Herman J Lombaert 150, Geo Junkin, Esq 50; Chrs H Grant 50; Morris Patterson 25, Chas Abbey 25, Miss Sarah Field for Corisco 5 = 557; Gloucester ch 4 12; Ninth ch, Philadelphia 81 78; Chester Sab-sch 40; Mariner's ch Sab-sch 4 00; Seventh ch Sab-sch 75. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Alexander ch 135, John W Clark 10, Edm'd Deacon, for Tunghow 10 = 155; West Arch St ch 77 06; 2d ch, a member 10; Great Valley ch 17 50; North ch Sab-sch 50, E N E 10 = 60; Spring Garden ch 305 90, Mrs E A Smith 100, Miss A Greenleaf 100, Gilbert Coombs 20, Miss F F = 531 90; Kensington ch, in part 155 32; North Tenth St ch, Philadelphia 100. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Slatington ch 40, Sab-sch 20 = 60; Slatesdale ch 6; Conshohocken ch 21, H F L 5, little Helen's earnings 3 = 29; Abington ch 54 11; Providence ch, from a lady

2 50, Miss A J S 2 50 = 5; Neshaminy ch 66 75; 1st ch, Norristown 164 50; Plumsteadville ch 6 22 = 6,391 05

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—New Alexandria ch 129 92, Sab-sch 13 = 142 92; Blairsburg ch 129 70, Sab-sch 120 70 = 241 40; Wilkinsburg ch 20; Congruity ch 42 90; Cross Roads ch 37 66; Greensburg ch 40; Sab-sch 5 85 = 45 85; New Salem ch, Anonymous 1. *Pby of Clarion*—Clarion ch 37 26; New Rehoboth ch 16 06; Licking ch for Chapel at Chefoo 106, Sab-sch for do 10 = 116; Callensburg and Concord chs, for Chefoo Chapel 50; Leatherwood ch 90 45, and Sab-sch 6 50 for Chefoo Chapel = 96 95; Goheens Sab-sch for Chefoo Chapel 7; Frostburg Sab-sch for Chefoo Chapel 15; Beechwood ch for Chefoo Chapel 22; Rimmersburg ch 18 50, and Rev T S Leason 10 for Chefoo Chapel 28 50; Greenville Sab-sch for Chefoo Chapel 14 50; Brookville ch 20 25 = 95 25

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—Mt Holly ch 55 66; Sab-sch 40 = 95 66; Bordentown ch 8; New Egypt Sab-sch 3; Burlington ch to ed child at Chefoo 45 60; Allentown ch 2:25; Plattsburg ch 14; Columbus ch 31, Sab-sch 13 = 44. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—Westfield ch 51 32; 1st ch, Elizabeth 846 30; 1st ch, Plainfield 40; New Providence ch 32; Woodbridge, ch 50; Siloam ch 2; Liberty Corner ch 40; Lamington ch 106. *Pby of Luzerne*—Mahonoy City ch 70 54; Kingston ch 88 60, Sab-sch 25 25 = 113 85; Weatherly ch 15 80, Sab-sch 16 88 = 32 68; Wyoming Sab-sch 5; German ch, Scranton 2; Pittston ch 125, Sab-sch 75 = 20; Tunkhannock ch 20. *Pby of Monmouth*—Shrewsbury ch 21 40; Jamesburg ch 28; Manchester ch 5 25; Red Bank ch 15 50. *Pby of Newton*—Second ch, Mansfield 17 15; 2d ch, Oxford 100; Danville ch 10; Lower Mt Bethel ch 46. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Fourth ch, Trenton 210; 1st ch, Trenton 4 0; Missy Sab-sch 4 27 = 405 27; Bound Brook ch 50, Widow's Mite 5 = 55; Dutch Neck ch 56 25, mo con 42 84, Sab-sch 10 34, Parsonage Sab-sch 8 55, Cranberry Neck Sab-sch 13 = 131; 2d ch, Trenton 62 21; Kingston ch 11. *Pby of Passaic*—First ch, Morristown, mo con 40 53, in memoriam 10 = 50 53; Calvary ch, Newark 53 07; 3d ch, Newark 700; Chester ch 45, a Member 50, Sab-sch 15 = 110; Wickliffe ch, Newark 301 90; Rutherford Park ch, Union Township Sab-sch to con Rev G L Smith *Life Member* 30, Mt Freedom ch 67 60; 1st ch, Paterson 56, Sab-sch 5 = 61; 2d ch, Elizabeth 148 96; Springfield ch 105 52. *Pby of Raritan*—Flemington ch 220; Amwell United 1st ch 27; 1st ch, Lambertville 250, for Miss Beatty's school 50 = 300; Clinton ch 14 74, Sab-sch 8 40 = 23 14; German Valley ch 103 50; Miltord ch 26. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Towanda ch 145; Troy ch 45. *Pby of West Jersey*—Cape Island ch 12; Fishererville ch 42 58; Salem ch 140; 2d ch, Bridgeton Sab-sch 30 15 = 6,037 31

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Bridgeport ch 115, Sab-sch 70 = 185; South East Centre ch 17 55; Ryeh 191 58; Yorktown ch 59. *Pby of Hudson*—Cocheeton ch 8 65; Sab-sch 8 35 = 17; Florida ch 7; Goshen ch 190 58, Sab-sch Dict No 19, 11 58 = 202 16; Hamptonburg ch 56; Scotchtown ch 144 05; Mount Hope ch 42. *Pby of Long Island*—Amaganset Sab-sch 2 25; Huntington South ch 29, Robt O Colt, Esq 100 = 1 9; Bridge Hampton ch 50; Setauket ch 22 50; Islip ch 39; Speonk ch 7; West Hampton ch 17; Middletown ch 32 21, Sab-sch 7 60 = 39 81. *Pby of Nassau*—Astoria ch, mo con 30, Sab-sch 35 = 65; 1st ch Brooklyn, mo con 56 54; Wallabout ch 22 25; German ch, Williamsburg, a member 1; Geneva ch 44; Throop Ave ch, Brooklyn 13 33; South Third St ch, Williamsburg, mo con 29 50; Amity ch 74 04, gold 2 50 = 76 64; 1st ch Hempstead 14 31. *Pby of New York*—Fifth Ave and Nineteenth St ch 19 435 90; 1st ch New York, mo con 201 92; Earnest Workers, for Shanghai sch 1,000, for new building for Shanghai sch 400, Sab-sch 21 38, Miss Y Sab-sch 70 81, for Shanghai sch = 1,711 11; Brick ch, mo con 132 14, Mission ch 12 03 = 144 17; Palisades ch, little Edith's Missy Box 5 30; University Place ch 2 628 11, mo con 33 30 = 2,661 41; Forty-second St ch 131 87, Dr John L Campbell to con John Campbell *Life*

member 30 = 161 87; Chelsea ch 23 80, Sab-sch 14 67 = 38 47; Stony Point Sab-sch 25; 4th ch New York Sab-sch, for China 20; Rutgers ch 669 *Pby of New York 2d*—Washington Heights ch 35; Delhi ch 74; Scotch eh, a member 30. *Pby of North River*—Smithfield ch 62 50, Sab-sch 10 = 72 50; Hughsonville ch 10; Rondout ch 242, Sab-sch 58 = 300; Bethlehem ch 112; Wappinger's Falls ch 18, Mrs Willard 10, Sab-sch 13 61 = 41 61 27,073 89

SYNOD OF N. INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordsville*—Crawfordsville ch 13; Lebanon ch 7 60; Bethany ch 32; Eugene ch 8; Carpenterville ch 7, Sab-sch 7 = 14; 1st ch Crawfordsville 25. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—Roanoke ch 4; 1st ch Fort Wayne Sab-sch 41 28; 3d ch Fort Wayne Sab-sch 11; Ligonier ch 3; La Grange Sab-sch 3. *Pby of Lake*—Constantine Sab-sch 16 34; Valparaiso ch 56 25. Sab-sch 41 75 = 98; Tassinong ch 6; 1st ch Goshen Sab-sch 125. *Pby of Logansport*—First ch Delphi 5, Sab-sch 23 51 = 28 50; Rock Creek ch 25; Frankfort ch 14; Logansport ch 57 20, Sab-sch 8 60 = 65 80; Lexington ch 26 566 52

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Columbus*—First ch Lancaster 29; 1st ch Columbus 159 76, mo con 85 32, Sab-sch 150 = 395 08. *Pby of Hocking*—Athens ch 20. *Pby of Marion*—Mt Gilead ch 12; Sab-sch 8 = 20; York ch 14; Bucyrus Sab-sch, for Tungchow sch 42; Wyandotte Sab-sch 10 34; Upper Sandusky ch 5; 1st ch Delaware 26 20; Marseilles ch 13 25. *Pby of Richland*—Fredericktown Sab-sch 28 80; Milford ch 20 50; Ashland ch 72 39; McKay ch 30 54; Haysville ch 27 82; Berryville ch 75; Clear Fork ch 8; Martinsburg ch 52 65; Savannah ch 43. *Pby of Wooster*—Jeromeville ch 25; Jackson Sab-sch 30; Chester Sab-sch 6; Wayne Sab-sch 19 39. *Pby of Zanesville*—McConnelsville ch 10 75; Duncan's Falls ch 17 75; Rush Creek ch 8 50, Sab-sch 2 60 = 11 10. *Pby of Ohio*—Central ch, Pittsburgh 434; North ch, Pittsburgh. Sab-sch, Miss L's class 7; Chartiers ch 116 80; 2d ch Pittsburgh, Inf't Sab-sch 12 50; Sharon ch 50; Canonsburgh ch 7 25; Mingo ch 35; Centre ch 52; Bellefield ch 24 40; Montours ch 31 67; Miller's Run ch 28 30; Forest Grove ch 40; Raccoon ch, estate of Emeline Kerr, dec'd 50. *Pby of Redstone*—Mission Sab-sch, Dunbar Furnace, for Bibles at Benita 10; Dunlap's Creek and McClellandtown chs 40 30; New Providence Sab-sch 20; Greensborough Sab-sch 10; Sewickly ch 28 89; Long Run ch 37 25; New Providence and Greensborough chs 15; Round Hill Sab-sch 10; Penn Sab-sch 8 76; Elizabeth Sab-sch 5 = 23 76. *Pby of Saltsburg*—First ch Kittanning 500; Cherry Tree ch 7 50, Sab-sch 5 50, E B C 7 = 20; Bethel and Jacksonville chs 20; Washington ch 4 60; Rayne ch 5 35; Harmony ch 16 85, Sab-sch 5 = 21 85; Ebenezer ch 49 23, Sab-sch 16 03 = 65 26 2,743 43

SYNOD OF ST PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—Sheldon ch 5; Caledonia Sab-sch 5; Yucatan ch 2, Sab-sch children 25 cts = 2 25; Winona ch 40; Hixton ch 5. *Pby of St Paul*—Second ch Stillwater 10, Sab-sch 1 = 11; Westminster ch, Minneapolis 124 14, mo con 3 25, Sab-sch 13 11 = 140 50; Hudson ch 4, Sab-sch 1 50 = 50; St Cloud ch 5, Sab-sch 1 25 = 6 25; Central ch, St Paul 75 11; Medina ch 3. *Pby of S Minnesota*—Owatonna ch 13 30 = 311 91

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Findlay*—Blanchard ch 4 25; 1st ch Findlay 241 30. *Pby of Maumee*—Mt Salem ch 10; West Unity ch 5; 2d ch Toledo 2 76; Gilead ch 3 86; West Bethesda ch 20; 1st ch Toledo 15 55. *Pby of Michigan*—Westminster ch, Grand Rapids 50 68. *Pby of Western Reserve*—Westminster ch, Cleveland 29, Sab-sch 5 10 = 25 10 378 50

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—Albia ch 10, Sab-sch 5, Willie and Lucy Raymond 50 cts, Nellie and Bella 50 cts = 16; Corydon ch 5; White Breast ch 5 50; Indianola ch 6. *Pby of Fairfield*—Salina ch 5 60; Fairfield ch 16 55; Washington ch 8; Bethel ch 5; Ottumwa ch 17 25; Libertyville ch 3; Lafayette ch 4; Liberty ch 5; Batavia ch 5. *Pby of Iowa*—Sharon ch 3 75; West Point ch 11 40, Sab-sch 4 30 = 15 70; Pilot Grove ch 4 30; Union ch, Fort Madison 23 40, Rev W B Noble 10 = 33 40; Oakland ch 8 40. *Pby of Missouri River*—Plattsmouth ch 30 75; Council

Bluffs ch 183; Afton ch 6; Bellevue ch 25; Blackbird Hills ch 25 437 23

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Deerfield ch 38 50; East Palestine ch 8; Canfield ch 22; Glasgow ch 9 50. *Pby of Steubenville*—Amsterdam ch 6 48; 1st ch, Steubenville to con Dan'l Potter Life member 169 29; Oak Ridge ch 19; Big Spring ch 23. *Pby of St Clairsville*—Morgristown ch 12; St Clairsville Sab-sch 29; Rock Hill ch 47, Branch Sab-sch 6 = 53. *Pby of Washington*—Frankfort Sab-sch 4 10; Fairview ch 16 16; 2d ch, Wheeling Sab-sch, Jennie and Maggie Armstrong 4 60; Moundville ch 30, Sab-sch 6 = 36; New Cumberland Sab-sch, to con John H Atkinson and John Francey Life members 57 50; Claysburg ch 61 20, Sab-sch 10 = 71 20; 1st ch, Washington 81; Mt Prospect ch 31 63. *Pby of West Virginia*—Clarksburg ch 3; Morgantown ch 31 31 708 27

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Richland Centre ch 2 50, Infant class 75 cts = 3 25; Richland city ch 2 48; Fancy Creek ch 2 57, Sab-sch 1 70 = 4 27. *Pby of Milwaukee*—First Ger ch, Granville 4; 1st ch, Janesville 52 04; North ch, Milwaukee 160. *Pby of Winnebago*—Portage City ch 30 10; Horicon ch 10; Kilbourn City ch 10, Cent Society 1 = 11; Depere ch 16; Weyauwega ch 5, Sab-sch 1 20 = 6 20; Westfield ch 4; Oxford ch 5; Juneau ch 12 320 34

Total received from churches \$57,754 66

LEGACIES.—Estate of Samuel Utter, dec'd, Edgar Co., Ill 50; Interest on Daniel Negley's Bequest, Pittsburgh 26 80 76 80

MISCELLANEOUS.—Lawrenceville Female Seminary 4 75; Gen Loomis 10; Nameless 5; Herbie's gift 25 cts; O M Dorman 50; Miss Margaret Smith, Dunningsville, Pa 3; Lydia W Smith, Mineral Ridge, O, seven years old, 71 cts; R, Iowa 19 80; Marie, seven years old 1; A Friend 1; Miss Coles 1; Thank Offering, H, 10; Mary H Smith 5; A B K 10; A Friend 20 50; Rev Joseph Platt 30; Mission Church, Grand Traverse, Mich, special 24 52; mo con 27 40; Concord ch, Carpe Lake, Mich 20; G A Cracker 10; Gen'l E B Babbitt, San Francisco 50; F D Long, Jersey Shore 10; A Friend in Michigan 5; N Bode 2; Bear River ch 2 25; Bequest of a friend of the late Rev E Boeklen, Ulm, Germany 8; J K Pierce 25; Ref'd ch Sab-sch, Hackensack, N J 22; Mrs E A Morrison, N Y 250; Mrs John Morrison 50; A Friend 5; Rev C J Collins, Wilkesbarre, Pa 10; J M J Bensel 4; Mrs S M Irvin, for Navajoes 5; Henry Minch 11 50; C Ackerman 2; Granite State 5; E M Bronson 5; Mrs Samuel Holmes, Independence, Mo 3; R B C 1; Principal of Millwood, Snady Gap, Pa 5; "Birthday" Gift 1; Remainder of a sum donated to For'n Missions by a Mother gone to glory twenty-four years ago 15; A Christian, now dec'd 5; P by Rev H R Wilson D.D., 200; W for New Testament in China 20; D M L 30; Central Presb'r ch, Hamilton, Can 271 75; Mrs L M Lee, Niantic, Conn 5; D. Kingston, Pa 5; Robt' Wold, Sugar Grove, Pa 15; Third ch Phila, (N S) for Rev G W Chamberlain, Brazil 7; Rev W J M 50 cts; Rev T C Anderson 5; Miss Downing's Sab-sch Juv Miss'y Soc'y, for Chefoo, 15 35; James Hill, Marion, Ky 3 23; Contents of Bertie McAllen's Miss'y Bank on her third birthday 1; Friends in Illinois 100; J P H 5; J K, Troy, N Y 20; Union Sab-sch, Woodvale 10; Miss M B Patterson, Green Tree, Pa 5; Mrs Foster, Greensburg, Pa 10; John Husten's Sab-sch, Cherry Hill Township, Indiana Co, Pa 3 78; G M, Monroeville, Pa 1 34; X 25 1,558 65

Total Receipts in January 1869, \$59,390 11

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The Value of a Tract.

What we esteem unimportant events, and insignificant agencies, often determine the long future of souls. The vibrations of a pendulum, or the falling of a leaf, has awakened a train of serious thought which led on to eternity. So the tract of a few pages has been the means of saving a soul, and has thus originated an influence for good that shall be felt until the end of time.

Every pastor, of several years experience, might cite at least a few cases of conversion wrought through such an instrumentality as this. Two of recent occurrence come to the mind of the writer. A tract was handed to an unconverted boy, with the prayer that it might be blessed to his soul. His ungodly mother, who had not been in a house of worship for many years, read it. A sense of sin oppressed her. The load of guilt pressed more heavily upon her, as the days went on, and she grew weary of the fruitless effort to cast it off. At length this thought occurred to her—the blood of Jesus has availed for the chief of sinners, it will avail for me. She went to the fountain of the Saviour's blood, washed, and was made clean. Then she began to tell others what God had done for her soul, and only eternity can reveal the blessed fruits.

A young lady came to my study, I remarked,

“ You look very happy this afternoon.”

“ Yes, I have found the Saviour.”

“ I rejoice to hear it. When did you find him?”

“ It was when I was reading the tract, ‘ Come to Jesus.’* My burden left me as I read these words—‘ He loves *you*; he died for *you*; he looks down with pity on *you*; he calls *you* to come to him.’ And oh! my dear pastor, I cannot doubt Christ’s willingness to save me now. He is very precious to me. How sweet it is to live for *him*.”

May God put it into the hearts of his people to scatter broad-cast over the world these leaves from the tree of life. Doubtless they would result in the spiritual healing of many in all nations.

* Tract No. 107. Catalogue of the Presbyterian Board of Publication.

Our Sabbath-school Visitor.

We are glad to receive, from all sides, numerous testimonials to the increasing usefulness and popularity of our *Sabbath-school Visitor*. The following is an extract from a letter just received from a clergyman in Tennessee, who has under his care a very large school of coloured children and youth. He says:

"There is great interest shown in the semi-monthly visits of your paper. You may rest assured that it is doing good for the cause of Christ, for our Sabbath-school, our Church, our day-school, for the community and the State, and, I firmly believe, for the world. I believe its interest will be felt in Africa, and that for years to come, the good seed sown by it will go on increasing, until, 'after many days,' the Presbyterian Church shall find it in accessions to her numbers here and in Africa."

While the circulation of the *Sabbath-school Visitor* has very largely increased within the last two or three years, there is yet a considerable number of Presbyterian Sabbath-schools in which it is not taken. For the information of such, we state here, that when over eight copies are sent to one address, the price is *one cent for each paper*. It may be had either *monthly* or *semi-monthly*.

A Decision.

A colporteur of the Presbyterian Board of Publication was recently arrested in Illinois, by some persons unfriendly to the spread of religious truth, and was brought before the United States District Court, on the ground that in circulating the books of the Board as a colporteur, he was violating the internal revenue laws, in not having taken out and paid for a license as a book peddler. The case was recently before the United States District Court in session at Springfield, Illinois, when Messrs. Stuart, Edwards, and Brown, attorneys at law, of that city, gratuitously and ably defended the colporteur on behalf of the Board. The result was that the colporteur was discharged. The judge decided that religious books and tracts sold and given away, not for profit, but as a means of distributing religious reading, were within the exception of the law, and that the colporteur of the Board was not a "peddler" required to have license.

Fruits of Colportage.

Mr. Jones, a member of the Walnut Street Church, of Louisville, Ky., has been for some months engaged in the work of colportage for our Board of Publication. He narrates some interesting incidents connected with his labours. Among others, the following:

He visited a point about fourteen miles distant from New Albany, Ind., where the people did not enjoy the stated means of grace. There was no church in the neighbourhood. Few, if any, were professors of religion. He called upon a man who was in deep affliction; death had entered his dwelling. Seizing the opportunity, he urged him to attend to the sal-

vation of his soul. He promised to do so, and expressed a desire to attend a religious meeting if one could be held. The opportunity was soon afforded him. Some of the brethren held a meeting of some days there. Soon after, this man came forward and professed his faith in Christ. In a little time others followed, and the result was that about *twenty persons* were hopefully converted, and a Presbyterian church organized.

Inspiration of the Holy Scriptures.

A little work with the above title was published in a 32mo tract recently by the Presbyterian Board of Publication, and is sold at five cents per copy. It was prepared by the Rev. F. T. Brown, D.D., of St. Paul, Minn., and was preached in his church at the request of a number of the citizens of St. Paul. At its delivery, before a crowded house, it was received with great favour. Chief Justice Wilson, of the Supreme Court of the State, spoke of it with enthusiasm as a most masterly argument. Afterwards, by request, it was repeated before the Minnesota State Sunday-school Association, and although delivered on an intensely hot evening in August, in a packed house, the people listened with increasing interest to its very end. Many asked for its publication for general circulation.

Hoping that good might be done thereby, the author offered his manuscript to the Board for publication, and it was accepted. Since the pamphlet has been issued, several persons who are circulating it in Minnesota say, "It is exactly what is needed," and ask for means to circulate thousands of copies all over the State. It is small, cheap, compact, contains much valuable matter, states the truth plainly and in a simple manner, and terminates with an argument believed to be unanswerable for the plenary inspiration of the Holy Scriptures.

We have a profound conviction, that if persons who have doubts or difficulties on the subject of inspiration, would read this brief but convincing argument, they would find their difficulties entirely removed. Will not good men, who love God's word, procure copies of this pamphlet and give it a careful perusal. And if, after having done so, they approve the argument, will they not send special donations to the Board of Publication, to be used in circulating it gratuitously by colporteurs and other agencies over the land? Five, ten, twenty dollars, any sums, larger or smaller, may thus be used in sowing the precious seeds of a blessed and bountiful harvest.

MINNESOTA.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

- I. **Commentaries on the Laws of the Ancient Hebrews**, with an introductory essay on civil society and government. By E. C. Wines, D.D., LL.D. Price \$2.50.

This is a new issue of a work which

was received with great favour some years ago on its first appearance, and elicited warm commendations from such men as Chancellor Kent, the Hon. B. F. Butler, Hiram Ketchum, Esq., and

George Wood, Esq., of New York; Judge Woodbury, of N. H.; Profs. Pond, Shepard, and Smith, of Bangor, Maine; Rev. George W. Bethune, D.D., and Rev. Francis L. Hawks, D.D., of New York, and Dr. J. W. Yeomans of Pa. The book at once took its place as a standard work. Recently several wealthy gentleman of New York and Albany purchased the copyright and the stereotype plates, and presented them to the Board of Publication, which is thus enabled to issue this new and beautiful edition at a considerably reduced price. The work is one which ought to have a place in the library of at least every lawyer and every clergyman. It is replete with information most valuable for all in those professions.

II. Saint Patrick and the early Church of Ireland. By the Rev. Wm. M. Blackburn, professor in the Theological Seminary of the Northwest at Chicago, and author of "William Farel," "Ulrich Zwingle," "Calvin in Paris," &c. Small 12mo. Price 80 cents.

A handsome volume, in which Prof. Blackburn thoroughly discusses the character and history of St. Patrick,

and endeavours to separate the facts and the probabilities of his life and labours from the mass of legends which has accumulated around his name. The work extends over a portion of church history with which few readers are familiar, and which is yet extremely interesting. None can read it without profit, or without arriving at a conviction that St. Patrick was no Papist, but a faithful and pious missionary of the cross of Christ.

III. Breve Catechismo de Doutrina Christiana, com as provas extrahidas das santas escrituras. [The Shorter Catechism with scripture proofs, in the Portuguese language.] Price 15 cents.

This Catechism in Portuguese has been published at the request of our new Presbytery of Rio de Janeiro, which has also been authorized to keep a colporteur at work within its bounds at the expense of our Board of Publication.

 A single copy of any publication of the Board will be sent by mail, prepaid, on receipt of the catalogue price.

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Close of the Fiscal Year.

The present fiscal year closes April 1st, 1869. Contributions not received prior to that time cannot be acknowledged in the next Annual Report to the General Assembly.

Scattering yet Increasing.

A close observer in his account of the building of a mission church in one of the Western States says, "I called on a brother very poor in this world's goods, and he subscribed ten dollars, which sum he paid last summer by acting as sexton. Last January I called upon him again, and told him that unless we collected a certain sum of money we could not draw our appropriation from the Board of Church Extension, and consequently would not be out of debt, and could not dedicate our church. Said he, I have no money nor do I know where I can borrow it, and if I could borrow it, I don't know when I could pay it, but I ought to give something and I'll trust God for it. Put me down for twenty-five dollars, and I'll pay it just as soon as I can. Next day he met me on the street and accosted me thus: 'I've got that twenty-five dollars, that I subscribed. Last evening, soon after I went home, Mr. ——— came in and wanted to know if I wouldn't sell him two stands of bees. He offered me twenty-eight dollars for them. So I have got my twenty-five dollars for the church and three dollars over.'

"At a congregational meeting, called by the trustees for the purpose of ascertaining the desire of the church as to whether they should go on and complete the building, and also to ascertain how much money could then be additionally subscribed, one young man, living on a fixed salary, and that not very large, volunteered to pay fifty dollars. Afterwards he said to me that he did not know where the money was to come from; that his salary was small, his property not worth more than twelve hundred dollars, and that he was in debt for the property to the amount of six hundred and fifty dollars. Since that time he has paid his subscription, and paid it in a way of which he had no knowledge at the time he subscribed. His employers offered him extra pay for additional labour. He accepted the proposal, and by extra hours of work he has paid his subscription."

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Pby of Albany—State St ch, Albany, special 245;	Pby of Milwaukee—Granville Ger 1st ch	\$3 00
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5000 00	Estate of Emeline Kerr of Washington Co., Pa. per J L Proudfit, executor	\$50 00
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<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Pittsburgh 2d ch 70; East Liberty ch 142 61; Centre ch 20 75; Sharon ch 17; Mon-tours ch 15 12	265 48
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<i>Pby of S Minnesota</i> —Austin ch	1 00
<i>Pby of Western Reserve</i> —Northfield ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Burlington Ger ch	2 00
<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Nottingham ch	27 50
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Beech Spring ch 13; Island Creek ch 8 50	21 50
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Wheeling 1st ch	75 00
<i>Pby of Dane</i> —Bellevue ch 5; Dayton ch 3	8 00
<i>Pby of Milwaukee</i> —Ottawa ch 6; Delafield ch 4	10 00
<i>Pby of Winnebago</i> —Neenah ch	11 10
	\$1,910 57
E W Lee, Ballston Spa	5 00
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Interest on Permanent Fund	85 50
	\$2,076 07

GEO. H. VAN GELDER,

Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly,
Office, No. 320 Walnut Street.

Philadelphia, January 5th, 1869.

The following amounts have been received since last report, viz.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Albany 3d ch 30; Ballston Centre ch 14 70	\$44 70
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Cross Roads ch 10; Plains ch 5	15 00
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Beaver Falls ch 47 34; Slippery Rock ch 6	53 34
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Meadville ch	20 00
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Harmony ch	30 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Upper Path Valley ch 30; Monaghan ch 6; Petersburg ch 7 05	43 05
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<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Woodhull ch	10 00
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<i>Pby of New Albany</i> —Sharon ch 3; New Albany 1stch 25	28 00
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<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Freehold Village ch	42 75

<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Pleasant Grove ch 10; Belvidere ch 30	40 00
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<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Woodbury ch	25 63
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —Bridge Hampton ch 21 00	
<i>Pby of New York</i> 2d—Inwood ch 45; Sing Sing ch 110	155 00
<i>Pby of North River</i> —Calvary ch	24 00
<i>Pby of Crawfordsville</i> —Waverly ch	12 00
<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —Westminster ch	96 10
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<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Behuev ch	27 84
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<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Fagg's Manor ch	34 00
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<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> 2d—Bristol ch 10 93; Chestnut Hill ch 175; A Lady of Providence ch 2 50; "A I S of Providence ch 2 50	190 93
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Poke Run ch 11 43; New Salem ch 17 23	28 71
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Valley ch 13 60; Sharon ch 12; East Liberty ch, add'l 10	35 60
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Connellsville ch	36 75
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Kittanning 1st ch	200 00
<i>Pby of St Paul</i> —Hudson 1st ch	4 00
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<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Poland ch	10 00
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<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Wheeling Valley ch 10; Short Creek ch 10; Kirkwood ch 17 20	37 20
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Estate of Emeline Kerr late of Washington Co, Raccoon ch	50 00
Interest on Permanent Funds	598 78
	\$2,423 94

GEO. H. VAN GELDER,
Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly,
Office, No. 320 Walnut Street.
Philadelphia, February 5th, 1869.

In remitting money to this Fund, the name of the Church and Presbytery to which it belongs should be distinctly stated, that it may be correctly acknowledged. And where checks or drafts are sent they should be drawn to the order of "GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

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How the Freedmen Respond.

Notice was given to the missionaries among the freedmen that in a large number of the churches in the North, the first Sabbath of December would be observed as a day of special prayer and instruction on the subject of missions, with the request that they would unite their prayers with ours, that God would give grace to our beloved Church, to come to the full measure of duty which the success he had given her in planting the Church now demands. The response made to this request is such as to cheer our hearts and strengthen our faith. It would be interesting to Christians generally to read the reports from the whole field bearing upon this subject, but we have space for only a few extracts. The responses we give are from churches entirely under the care of either coloured minister or catechists, in most cases the catechist an elder of the particular church he serves.

The first report is written by the female teacher of the parochial school: "Enclosed find for the Freedmen five dollars and fifteen cents, the amount contributed by our church last Sabbath. As Mr. M—— (the white missionary) was away, I told the people the previous Sabbath, at the close of Sabbath-school, about the day of prayer and the collection to be taken up for the Committee, etc., and urged them to contribute, no matter how small a sum. I also spoke to 'Uncle Henry,' 'our ministering elder,' on the subject. He came on the following Sabbath all alive on the subject of our Christian duty, and his remarks on the text, 'Give and it shall be given unto you,' etc., were singularly to the point. We thought he dwelt too much on the subject, but perhaps he knew how better than we, and doubtless he drew out many a scrip that else would have gone some other way. The people contributed cheerfully, especially the young. Ex-Gov. Manning says, 'the labouring classes cannot be educated.' (he means the negroes I suppose,) 'and to attempt it is to throw away money.' I hope he will live a few years to realize the fallacy of his theory."

A coloured minister in North Carolina, says, "Yesterday, December the 6th, we prayed and preached *all day* about missions and the Boards of the Church, and we fixed the fourth Sabbath of this month to take a collection for the Committee on Freedmen. I don't think it will be much, the people are *so poor*. But our prayers will be something if the Lord wills to help on the great work. But be the collection much or little, we will send it to you."

The next is from a dear good elder, whose education was chiefly obtained in a blacksmith shop, where he wrought as a slave for at least thirty years of his life, and who learned to write when about forty years of age. The Church has no more devoted servant than he. His hand is hard with the burden of the sledge, but his heart is warm with the love of Jesus, and we have heard from his lips sermons of singular power and pathos, and prayers that led the soul to a living Saviour. We give his report just as he wrote it. Those who look at it long enough may find the smile excited give place to tears of sympathy, with this humble child of God feeling his way to real union with the Church. He says, "I taken up collection on last Sabbath in this church, according to the order of the General Assembly, the Sabbath-school payed three dollars the church two dollars." "I expects to send my wife away to school unles I can get a good teacher here," etc.

Two years ago upon the invitation of his pastor we ordained this dear brother to the eldership, with the laying on of hands, and with peculiar interest have we observed his progress and earnest devotion to the work to which he is called.

DONATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN IN JANUARY, 1869.

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<i>Pby of Atlantic</i> —St Pauls ch 69 50; ch and sch Ebenezer 12 95; ch and sch, Wilmington 107 75; ch and sch, Edisto Island 3 90; ch and sch, Wadmalaw 1 22; ch and sch, St Andrews 1 20; sch John's Island 1 25; ch and sch, Charleston 10 65; ch and sch, Good Will 20	228 42
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Unity ch 20 50; Clarksville ch 21 78; West Middlesex ch 19; Beaver Falls ch 48 36; Punlaski ch 6; Hopewell ch 3; Newport ch 15; Slippery Rock ch 15	148 64
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Pleasant Grove ch 9; Ligonier ch 22 50; Murrayville ch 16; Wilkinsburg ch 24 75	72 25
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Broadway ch, Balt	10 00
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<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Piney Creek ch 10 50; Paxton ch, add'l 3; Frostburg ch 5	18 50
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Tipton ch 11 80; Red Oak ch 8	19 80
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<i>Pby of Crowsfordsville</i> —Bethany ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Red Oak ch, add'l 8; Marshall ch 6 75	14 75
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Richardsville ch 4 50; Leatherwood ch 18 53; Beechwood ch 20	43 03
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Yorktown ch	25 00
<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —Mt Pleasant ch 14 20; Lithopolis ch 7 50	21 70
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Byron Centre ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —First ch, Meadville	40 00
<i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Lafayette ch 3; Liberty ch 4; Shiloh ch 2	9 00
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —Third ch, Fort Wayne 10; Pleasant Ridge ch 12 50	22 50
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Mt Hope ch 9; Hamptonburg ch, add'l 5	14 00
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Bellefonte ch 165 15; Spruce Creek ch 130 45; Sinking and Spring Creek chs 28	323 60
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Unity ch	13 30
<i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —First ch, Franklin	18 65
<i>Pby of Kaskaskia</i> —St John's ch	4 75
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<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —Fresh Pond ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Milwaukee</i> —Salt Creek ch	21 40
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<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Sab-sch 3d ch Dayton	20 00
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<i>Pby of New Albany</i> —Bedford ch	6 20
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<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Ross St ch, Brooklyn	20 88
<i>Pby of North River</i> —Bethlehem ch	48 00
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Mt Washington ch 8; Temperanceville ch 10; 1st ch East Liberty 177 54; 6th ch Pittsburgh: 363 46	559 90
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Harrison ch	9 00
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Second ch Peoria, add'l 5; Brownsville ch 6 60; Salem ch 7 25	18 85
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Westminster ch, Elizabeth	103 80
<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —First ch Lambertville 25; 2d ch Amwell 6 25; Clinton ch 6 42	37 67
<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Mansfield ch 35; Perryville ch 21; McKay ch, add'l 75 cts	56 75
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —George's Creek ch 6; Laurel Hill ch 12 07; Spring Hill Furnace ch 3 55; New Providence and Greensboro' chs 20	41 62
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Concord ch 15; Ebenezer ch 28 36; Mahoning ch 5	48 36
<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —Farmington ch, add'l 2 50; 1st ch Decatur 12 13	14 63
<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Pisgah ch	6 00
<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Turtle Creek ch	3 00
<i>Pby of St Paul</i> —First ch Hudson 4 50; Westminster ch Sab-sch, St Paul 16 30	20 81
<i>Pby of St Louis</i> —First Ger ch St Louis 21; Oskaloosa ch 8	29 00
<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Cadiz ch	33 50
<i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Westminster ch, Quincy	12 85
<i>Pby of Upper Missouri</i> —Fillmore ch	2 50
<i>Pby of Vincennes</i> —Princeton ch 5; Washington ch 6	11 00
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Cross Roads ch	17 33
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Holmesville ch	22 00
<i>Pby of White Water</i> —First ch Richmond	12 00
<i>Pby of West Virginia</i> —Morgantown ch	23 50
Total amount rec'd from Churches	\$3,278 94
	MISCELLANEOUS.
Free ch, Scotland 1,655 40; Rev G L Spinning; Chicago 7 50; Mary Martin, Brodhead, Wis 1, Coloured sch, Columbia 1 50; Miss Watt, teacher 5 = 6 50; Mrs E M Finley, Phbla 25; Rev H A Barclay, Oswego, Ill 2; Mary E Garrigues, Summerfield, Ill 2; D C Reading, Raven Rock, N J 5; Noah Evans, Hillsboro', Ohio, special 150; Coloured ch, Bethpage 6 75; Coloured ch, Poplar Tent 6 15; Wm M Means, Watson Station, Ohio 5; "Bellville, Ill" 1; Witherspoon coloured ch, Princeton, N J 14; Alfred Hand, Scranton, Pa, special 26; J A Jacobs, Lexington, Ky, special 100; McKnight Williamson, Greenfield, Ohio 2; "Florence, Nebraska" 6; Mr Bergen, Virginia, Ill, special 100;"A and C." East Springfield, Ohio 6; Sundry small collections 9 50; Big Oak, Va, coloured sch 30; Big Oak, Va, coloured ch and sch 23 77; Columbia, Tenn, ch and sch 117 07; Mrs E G Wallingford, Pittsburgh, special 891 64	3,199 28
	\$6,478 22
Received at Philadelphia.	
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Belleville ch	\$33 34
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —La Grange ch 3 35; Rev A F Randolph 65 cts	4 00
<i>Pby of Lake</i> —La Porte ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Blackbird Hill ch	13 00
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Fagg's Manor ch	30 00
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Lawrenceville ch	59 75;
Hightstown ch 21 74; Trenton ch 50	131 49
<i>Pby of North River</i> —First ch, Kingston	25 00
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Hackettstown ch 7; Stillwater ch 10	77 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —South ch 19 42; Chester ch 10; From her members, 7th ch, Philadelphia 10; From a meinber, 2d ch, Philadelphia 50	89 42
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> 2d—Providence ch, a lady and Miss A J S each 2 50	5 00
<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —Musconetcong Valley ch	12 00
<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Barclay ch	3 08
<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —First ch, Springfield	29 81
	MISCELLANEOUS.
Eliza Townsend, Painted Post, N Y 5; F Donleavy Long, Jersey Shore, Pa 3; Mrs J K, Troy, N Y 5	13 00
Total receipts in January,	\$6,954 36
D. ROBINSON, Treasurer,	
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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

To the Presbyteries.

We fear that an impression prevails, that, in consequence of the present improved financial condition of the Board, we are able to grant almost any amount of money that may be applied for. It is true, the receipts of the Board have been unusually large during the last three months, but it should be recollect that we have paid off a debt of more than \$15,000, which had been incurred during the past summer and fall; restored the salaries of the missionaries, which had been reduced twenty-five per cent.; made numerous appointments, which had been declined during the former part of the past year, for want of funds; and have also made many new appointments; all which have already greatly increased the liabilities of the Board; so that the balance on hand will not be much more than sufficient to meet those which will mature between this time and the month of November, when the treasury may be expected to be replenished by the usual annual contributions of the churches.

In view of the facts above stated, we respectfully request the Presbyteries not to apply, in any case, for more than is really necessary; not to recommend aid to churches which could, and therefore ought to, be self-sustaining; and to refrain from new enterprises which are not promising; and to co-operate with the Board in so husbanding the missionary fund as to be able to occupy fields of present importance and great prospective usefulness.

Letter from a Missionary.

Since the receipt of the subjoined letter the writer has been commissioned by the Board, and such an appropriation made towards his support as will, we trust, in a great measure, relieve his wants and encourage him in his self-denying work.

NEILLSVILLE, ——.

My Dear Brother,—I have just re-

ceived your's. I am deeply indebted to you for the interest you take in me and my field. You deserve a full account of its position and its prospects, and you shall have it. A field more in need of faithful Christianizing labour I believe does not exist in the West. In as far as they have here been almost entirely cut off from ministerial labour of any kind. My field embraces the whole county of Clark, fifty-four by thirty-two miles; so far there is no minister of

any kind within it but myself. The northern half of the county is as yet pine forest and unsettled, but the southern half, twenty-five by thirty miles, is pretty well settled; the population amounting to upward of five thousand. The county is of splendid soil, well adapted to agriculture when cleared, and the timber is valuable. But the distance of sixty miles from the nearest railroad station, and that through miserable soil, has prevented that influx of population which might be expected from the local advantages. A railway is now about to be started from Green Bay to Lake Pepin, to commence this fall, which will pass through the county, when this cannot possibly but become one of the most thickly settled and enterprising sections in the Northwest. There are one hundred miles of the finest pine timber all around us to the northward. So much as to the generalities of the place. As to the particular work in which I am engaged. My headquarters is Neillsville, the county town, a village of about five hundred inhabitants, and increasing rapidly for such an out of the way place. In Neillsville I have on Sundays an attendance of about sixty to ninety at public worship. I have just organized a Sabbath-school and have over twenty pupils, with the expectation of a large increase. A smaller village of about one hundred inhabitants lies two miles west called Weston. I have there attendance at preaching of from forty to sixty, and a Sabbath school running from ten to thirty. It being the first time a Sabbath-school was ever tried there, the children are very irregular in their attendance. Farther north, in No. 26, there is a large settlement which I have not yet been able to visit, but where I go tomorrow fortnight; they have been requesting me to visit them, and preach to them. Towards the east I have been twice. One station is about twelve miles, and the other about eighteen miles, where I have splendid meetings of very attentive and seemingly sincere people. But until this summer, although some of them have been there for eleven years, they have never had preaching. Another school-house about six miles distant on the same road east, is a good station where I have been asked to preach. To the northeast about eight miles, there is a preaching station where they are very anxious to have service. To the west about four miles distant is a good station where any preacher who have chanced to come

along have had good attendances, where I go next Sunday. To the south there is a field worth cultivating, but I have had as yet no request from them; and I have thought it the wiser plan to go quietly to work, allowing them first to express a wish that I should visit them, rather than to force myself upon them. Altogether there are in what is now my *diocese*, no less than nine preaching stations at which an average attendance of sixty at each is certain, and which I am trying to get into some sort of plan so that I can visit them regularly in rotation. As to the inhabitants, they are from all countries. American, Scotch, and English are the chief, then a few Dutch. The Scotch and English together comprise about a third of the whole, the Dutch about a fourth, and the American the rest. From all that I can gather in my visiting, I conclude that fully one-half of the population have before coming here attended Presbyterian churches, and been brought up as Presbyterians. Here there have been almost no baptisms administered; except in one family, I have not come across a child that is baptized. Families who emigrated with children, have all those born before they came here baptized; but it seems when they stepped into this section of country they stepped outside the pale of the Church's care. In the Scotch and English settlements especially, I have found devoted adherents of the Presbyterian Church. If all were actuated by a sincere desire for the support of gospel ordinances among them, they would have very little difficulty in supporting a minister, but they have been so long neglected that all are careless. In a few years, with the blessing of God and the expected increase of population, I have no doubt but that we can have a strong self-supporting church in the country. The material is good; an intelligent, enterprising, thinking people they are, and withal kind; but profane swearing and Sabbath-breaking are rampant evils. In addition to the population mentioned, about three thousand lumbermen pass through this place fall and spring from the pineries, for whom nothing has as yet been done by the Church. Winter after winter they congregate in the woods, and for four or five months never hear of such a thing as religion. My intention is to visit them once or twice during the winter, to circulate religious literature, and preach as I can get opportunity. Altogether the field

is a very necessitous one, and one in which, if the Lord bless our labours, a rich harvest may be expected. Concerning myself I have little to say, I am labouring as I can, but have not yet thought it prudent to bring before the people generally the subject of my support. Some of my friends say they will have no difficulty in raising between two and three hundred dollars. Meantime nothing has been done, and I begin to be very much straitened. I have gone to expense in moving my family here, and am pecuniarily in such a position that if I wished to give up the field and move away I could not do it. But I trust in the Lord, and I am trying to do good. I do hope that the Board will be able to make an allowance for

this field, else I, looking to the future, see only darkness as to the support of my little family. I trust I have made the state of this field pretty well known to you. Again I thank you for your interest in it and me, and hope the Church will not be under the necessity of casting us off. I shall try and organize Sabbath-schools throughout the country sections, but teachers there are scarce. I may mention that a melodeon has been provided specially for Presbyterian meetings, to lead in the praise of God. My hopes for the field, after a year or so, are very good.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,
J. M.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN FEBRUARY, 1869.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Northampton ch 4 50; Northville ch 2 50; State St ch, Albany, add'l 50. *Pby of Mohawk*—Oneida Castle ch 14; Dunhamville ch 4. *Pby of Troy*—Sandy Hill ch 25; Cambridge ch 17 70 \$117 70

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Union ch 15; Concord ch 15 30; Clintonville ch 7 40; North Butler ch 5 20. *Pby of Allegheny City*—Bridgewater ch 55 39; Fairmount ch 7; 1st Ger ch, Allegheny 4 16; North ch, Allegheny, add'l 10. *Pby of Beaver*—Mt Pleasant ch 20. *Pby of Erie*—Mercer 1st ch, “dying gift of Mrs S B Nickum” 25, from a member 15 = 40; Waterford ch 4 183 45

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Atlantic*—James Island ch 5; Goodwill ch 10. *Pby of Catawba*—Lexington ch 5. *Pby of Baltimore*—Baltimore 1st ch 1500; Westminster ch, Baltimore, add'l 500; Broadway ch. add'l, from the Sab-sch 13 25. *Pby of Carlisle*—Mercersburg ch, Female Missy Soc'y 34; Millerstown ch 29 35; Newport ch 13 10; Month of the Juniata ch 10; Dickinson ch 13; Fayetteville ch 18. *Pby of Levees*—Rehoboth ch 5 50; Pitts Creek ch 37 75, of which 17 from Newtown Sab-sch; Greensboro ch 2 25; Cool-spring ch 12; Blackwater ch 6 60. *Pby of Potomac*—Bridge St ch; Georgetown 46 97 2.266 77

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Ogdensburg*—Oswegatchie 1st ch 70. *Pby of Rochester City*—Wheatland ch 31; Phelps 1st ch Sab-sch 25; Webster ch, add'l 10 75 136 75

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Bureau*—Osclo ch 10; New Boston ch 5. *Pby of Chicago*—Zion Ger ch 10; Harvard ch 3; Oswego ch 5. *Pby of Rock River*—Galena South ch 34 08. *Pby of Schuyler*—Westminster ch, Quincy 20 50; Vermont ch, add'l from Astoria 5; Fountain Green ch 23; Carthage ch 33. *Pby of Warren*—Monmouth ch Sab-sch 33; Prairie City ch 5 186 58

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Greenfield 1st ch 29. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Cumminsville ch 11; Seventh ch, Cincinnati Sab-sch 107 92; Walnut Hills ch, a balance 11; Pleasant Run ch 10. *Pby of Miami*—Dayton 3d ch Sab-sch 45; Dick's Creek ch 12 75; Clinton ch, 102 10, of which 10 from the Ladies' Benevolent Soc'y. *Pby of Oxford*—Hamilton ch, add'l 36 16. *Pby of Sidney*—Turtle Creek ch, 19 15, of which 8 60 from Sab-sch; Piqua 1st ch 60; Urbana 1st ch 16 30; Sidney ch 10; 1st ch West Liberty 12 69 483 07

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—“C” 10; Breton ch 10; Corell ch 5 55; Cheney's Grove ch 1 85; Salem ch 20. *Pby of Kaskaskia*—Elm Point ch 14 30; Carlyle ch 6 10. *Pby of Palestine*—York ch 3 20. *Pby of Peoria*—Delavan ch 45; Canton ch 20. *Pby of Saline*—Pisgah ch 10; Friendsville ch 23; Sharon ch 2 25;

Carmi ch. add'l 1 30; Timberville ch 3. *Pby of Sangamon*—Petersburg ch 75; Taylorville ch 4 254 85

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—Synodical Collection 33. *Pby of Indianapolis*—Acton ch 6. *Pby of Madison*—Lexington ch 16 65; Union ch 10; Graham ch 7 15. *Pby of New Albany*—Jefferson ch 53 23. *Pby of Vincennes*—Indiana ch 18. *Pby of White Water*—Dunlapsville ch 6 50 155 55

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Dubuque*—Independence ch 12. *Pby of Vinton*—Toledo ch 10; Tama City ch 2 50; Buckeye and York chs 2; West Irving ch 25 29 00

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Highland*—Garry City ch 5. *Pby of Leavenworth*—Leavenworth 1st ch Sab-sch 9; Paola ch 5. *Pby of Topeka*—Topeka ch 10 29 00

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Ebenezer*—Maysville ch 36 07. *Pby of Louisville*—Shelbyville ch 65. *Pby of Muhlenburg*—Salem ch 5. *Pby of West Lexington*—Lexington 1st ch 30 126 07

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Lafayette*—Warrensburg ch 27. *Pby of St Louis*—Emanuel ch 5 65; Carondelet ch 14. *Pby of Palmyra*—Kirksville ch 15; Hannibal 1st ch 50; Clarence ch 5; Shelbyville ch 10. *Pby of Southwest Missouri*—Ebenezer and Mt Vernon chs 18 40; Mission Field of Rev John McFarland 1. *Pby of Upper Missouri*—Blackbird Hills ch 7; Savannah ch 30; Graham ch 6; Sullivan ch 7; Hamilton ch 5 201 05

SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.—*Pby of Holston*—Madisonville ch 15. *Pby of Nashville*—Nashville 2d ch 107 76. *Pby of New Orleans*—Magnolia ch 5 127 76

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—Allentown ch 250. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—New Vernon ch 30. *Pby of Luzerne*—Scranton Ger ch 3; Tamaqua ch 20; Northmoreland ch 3 70; Port Carbon ch 25. *Pby of Monmouth*—Tennent ch 200; Red Bank ch, add'l 20; Holmanville ch 6; Toms River ch 5 83. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Hightstown ch 33 02; Trenton 3d ch 111 30; Cranberry 1st ch 155 70. *Pby of Newton*—Stillwater ch 33 77; Stewartsville ch 80 88; Greenwich 1st ch 147 29; Upper Mt Bethel ch 2; Harmony ch 71 25. *Pby of Raritan*—Amwell 1st ch 28; Lambertville ch, a special col 85 25; Amwell 2d ch 29. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Towanda ch, add'l 4; Fall Brook ch 5 70; Rome ch 3; Stevensville ch 6; Rushville ch 4. *Pby of West Jersey*—Absecon ch 6; Brainard ch 10; Woodstown ch 11 05 1391 71

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—South Salem ch, W F Benevolent Soc'y 37 50; Bedford ch, Ladies' Miss'y Soc'y 80. *Pby of Hudson*—Bloomingburg ch 9. *Pby of Long Island*

—Fresh Pond ch 24. *Pby of New York*—First ch. New York 6002 75 of which 3750 from J L; Fifteenth St ch, New York 60; Westminster ch, New York 86 60; Stony Point ch, add'l 19; Fourth ch, New York 700 28; Nyack ch 16 67. *Pby of New York* 2d—First ch. Hamden 25. *Pby of North River*—New Hamburg ch 20 7041 80

SYNOD OF N. INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordsville*—Union ch 8 60; Bethel ch 7 95; Carpenterville ch 5; 1st ch. Thorntown 23 85; Darlington ch 6 90. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—Highland ch 2; Princeton ch 6 50; Pleasant Grove ch 4 50; Bluffton ch Sab-sch 5; Eel River ch 7 10. *Pby of Lake*—Laporte 1st ch, add'l 10; Crown Point ch 19 61; Hebron ch 3; Constantine ch 15 50 125 51

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Columbus*—Columbus 1st ch 61 43. *Pby of Hocking*—New Plymouth ch 8; Gallipolis ch 10; Portsmouth Gerch Sab-sch 2 75. F Hoesch 1 = 3 75. *Pby of Marion*—Marion ch 16. *Pby of Wooster*—Berlin ch 10; Jeromeville ch 8 08; Jackson ch 21 30. *Pby of Zanesville*—Salem Ger ch 11 12; Zanesville 1st ch 27 30; Rush Creek ch 10; Bethel ch 10 196 98

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of California*—Larkin St ch, San Francisco 24 75. *Pby of Oregon*—Brownsville ch 19 50; Diamond Hills ch 6 50 50 75

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Columbia ch 82 20; Slate Ridge ch 32; New Harmony ch 15 60. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Waynesburg ch 69; Mifflintown and Lost Creek ch 101 25; Lick Run ch 10; Shirleysburg ch 21; Bethel ch 12. *Pby of New Castle*—Kennett Square ch 15; Oxford ch, add'l 2. *Pby of Northumberland*—Great Island ch 169; Lewisburg ch, add'l 11; Milton ch 161; Shamokin ch 63 50; Williamsport ch, add'l 100; Bloomsburg ch 131 50, of which 12 from Infant Sab-sch class. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Second ch Phila, from a member 200, of which 100 for California; Arch St ch, Phila, add'l, from W E S 5; 10th ch Phila, from a lady 20; 6th ch Phila 38; Rev A Heberton 5; 7th ch Phila 379 28. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Spring Garden ch Sab-sch 44 05; North ch 216 69; Princeton ch 64 53. *Pby of Philadelphia* 2d—Brainerd ch, Easton, Juv Miss'y Soc'y 300; Cataqua ch 20; Easton 1st ch, add'l 100; Plumsteadville ch 9 29, of which 75 cts from little Loutia, aged 8 years; Neshaminy ch, add'l 7 35, of which, 3 25 "contents of Ettie's and Jimmie's missionary box;" Pottstown ch 30; Frankford ch 160 2,535 24

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—Unity ch 94. *Pby of Ohio*—Temperanceville ch 10; Lawrenceville ch 51 28; 6th ch Pittsburgh 298 44; Mingo ch 32; Fairview ch 12. *Pby of Redstone*—Mt Washington ch 6; Connellsburg ch 115 30; Spring Hill ch, from Mary J Stentz 3 622 02

SYNOD OF ST PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—Hixton ch 3; Black River Falls ch 3 70; Houston ch 12. *Pby of St Paul*—Big River ch 5 50; Vermillion ch 16; Farmington ch 19; Empire ch 8; South Bend ch 10; Harrison ch 3. *Pby of S Minnesota*—Fremont ch 11 65; Preston ch, in part 5; Stewartsville ch 8; Eyota ch 1; Plainview ch 1; Utica ch 1; Janesville ch 1; Waseca ch 1; Lake City ch 20; Kasson ch 2; Rushford ch 12 143 85

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Findlay*—Arcadia ch 7; Johnstown and Riley Creek chs 2. *Pby of Maumee*—West Unity ch 5; Napoleon 1st ch 9 23 00

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—Oskaloosa ch 20; Hartford ch 9; Indianola ch 8 30; White Oak ch 5 25. *Pby of Fairfield*—Bentonport ch 16 10; Bloomfield ch 2 50; Crawfordsville ch, from Win Brown 10 37. *Pby of Iowa*—Trenton ch 5; Mt Pleasant ch 9 69. *Pby of Missouri River*—Bedford ch 5; Brownville ch 38; Pawnee City ch 10 224 21

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—New Lisbon 1st ch 20. *Pby of Steubenville*—Steubenville 2d ch 318 30, of which 43 30 from Sab-sch; Ridge ch 24 25; Two Ridges ch 82; Centre ch 5; Smithfield ch 5. *Pby of Washington*—Holliday's Cove ch 12; Three Springs ch 6; Waynesburg ch 7 43; West Alexander ch, in part 5; Fairview ch, add'l 2; 1st ch Wheeling 64; Burgettstown ch 45.

Pby of West Virginia—Kanawha ch 26; Weston ch 8 25; Bethel ch 5; Sisterville ch 3 72; Ravenswood ch 5 643 95

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Prairie du Sac ch 61 25. *Pby of Winnebago*—Winneconne ch 8; Depere ch Sab-sch 20; Portage City ch 26 93 of which 13 98 from the Sab-sch; Robinsonville ch 42 60, of which 4 50 from Oconto Station 158 78

Total received from churches, \$17,455 49

LEGACIES.—Balance of legacy of Eleanor G Scott, late of Baltimore, Md 53 43, less expenses 2 = 51 48; Legacy of Mrs Mary Cotterall, late of Fox Chase, Pa 1,138 37, less taxes 124 66 = 1,013 71; Estate of Chas Smith, dec'd, late of Jamaica, Long Island, N Y 336 75; Patterson estate, Pittsburgh, Pa 11 32 1,413 26

MISCELLANEOUS.—A T Williams, Esq. Washington, Ohio 1,000; "P," through Rev H R Wilson, D.D., 100; S M Thompsonville, Pa 12; A V C S 5; A C and Maria Gilchrist 1 each = 2; Anonymous, Monticello, Ind 20; Fannettsburg, Pa, from C C 4, and G S 1 = 5; Rev N S Lowrie, Gorham, N Y 3; A widow, 1st ch Harrisburg, Pa 3; Sundry persons, through Alfred Martini, Esq 239 45; Mrs E R King 20; Mrs Louisa J Bruen 500; Religious Contribution Soc'y of Princeton Theological Sem'y 78 75; Mrs E S Bell, Hillsboro', Ohio 3; Mrs M A Urmston 5 2,016 29

Total Receipts in February, 1869, \$20,884 86

S. D. POWEL, Treasurer,
No. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

CLOTHING.

1 box from the ladies of the 1st ch Baltimore, Md, value not given.

2 boxes from the ladies of the 1st ch Princeton, N J, valued at \$383 00

1 box from the ladies of Columbia ch, Pa, valued at 275 00

1 barrel from the ladies of Setauket ch, Long Island, N Y, valued at 85 00

1 box from the ladies of Bedford ch, N Y, valued at 193 05

1 box from the ladies of the 1st ch Pittsburgh, Pa, valued at 234 00

1 small box quilts from the ladies' Sewing Society, Pine Grove Mills, Pa, valued at 20 00

1 box from the ladies of Williamsport ch, Pa, valued at 85 00

1 box from the ladies of McKeesport ch, Pa, valued at 140 00

1 box from the Ladies' Sewing Society of Saltsburg ch, Pa, valued at 67 00

1 box from the ladies of the 1st ch Allegheny, Pa, valued at 85 00

1 package Theological books from the ladies of the 1st ch Allegheny, Pa valued at 42 00

2 boxes from the Dorcas Society of the West Spruce St ch, Phila, valued at 476 88

\$2426 68

The value of the box from the 2d ch Pittsburgh, Pa, acknowledged in the February Record, should have been \$228 06.

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No. 907 ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

Cor. Sec. pro tem.—Rev. G. W. MUSGRAVE, D.D.
Treasurer—SAMUEL D. POWEL

LETTERS relating to Missionary Appointments and other operations of the Board, should be addressed to the Corresponding Secretary, No. 907 Arch street, Philadelphia. Letters relating to the pecuniary affairs of the Board, or containing remittances of money, should be sent to S. D. POWEL, Esq., Treasurer—same address.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTEOUS, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

But this I say, He which soweth sparingly, shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully, shall reap also bountifully. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower, both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness.—2 Cor. ix.

A Visit to the German Theological Seminary at Dubuque, Iowa.

Just at the time when the Presbyterian Church needed a school to raise up German ministers for the multitudes of immigrants now pouring upon the land from the continent of Europe, and just in the region where such a school might be most useful, has God placed the foundations of one in its hands. And we thank him for it.

Dubuque is in the heart of the great German population now fixing itself upon the richest district of the Mississippi Valley. To the north of it stretch the beautiful States of Minnesota and Wisconsin. Eastward lie the black fat prairies of Illinois and the older States. South and west are the inexhaustible soil and mines of Iowa and Missouri. In that district millions will find homes. Their congenial Romanism and skepticism corrupt public opinion. There they boldly utter what elsewhere they have the policy to restrain. They mock at our Sabbaths. They pledge themselves to resist temperance efforts. They threaten the expulsion of the Bible and everything of a religious tendency from the common schools. In his visit to various portions of this region, the writer has seen many evidences of the onward progress of this evil. But he has also seen that the Lord has lifted up a standard of resistance and of victory, around which we may collect our strength.

The instrument of the work referred to was provided, as God usually does when he has great ends to accomplish, in a way we could not have anticipated. A Hollander named Adrian Van Vleit, who had been well taught in the sound Calvinism of the older divines, and of many of the humbler people of the present day, in his native country, emigrated from the agricultural province of Utrecht to America, in the year 1847. He had abhorred the abounding Arminianism and Rationalism. He had, from the resources of a good ordinary education, resisted them with his pen, and by personal efforts in religious meetings among people of his own class. And now he hoped to find more religious freedom and purity in the New World. He came here working at his trade as a tailor, in which he continued for some years following.

At St. Louis he enjoyed the ministrations of the excellent Dr. William S. Potts. There and in Wisconsin he was distressed by the immoral and godless state of the Germans. Having made his home at Platteville, Wisconsin, though he could not speak well their language, he made himself acquainted with that people, gave them pious books and tracts, and collected some of them into a church.

This German church called a young minister of their own people, the best they could find. Mr. Van Vliet soon found his preaching to be wanting in the unction and peculiar power of the gospel. The man was willing to learn. The pious tailor invited him to sit beside him on his bench, and there, while he went on with his

work, opened to him the Scriptures. This was the first student of theology. But the scholar turned upon the master and said, "You are called to preach more than I." Others agreed with this, and in September, 1851, a licence was put into his hands by a Congregational Convention to preach the gospel.

He came to Dubuque in 1852, to supply for a few Sabbaths a German church. They gave him a call much against his will, for he trembled to assume the charge of souls, and in so important a field. He said to the people that he could only come if the Lord pressed him into it. "I am not a preacher, I am but a tailor. Yet he may speak by me. As for you, you are Arminians, I am a Calvinist. I will preach to you the doctrines of the old Reformers. I will tell you your sins to your face. If you cannot bear the truth of Christ, here is your call." They urged him to remain with them. Some at first were grieved that he made so little of the old feasts and fasts. Said he to them: "The Bible teaches us nothing of chronology. We do not even know the time, within four years, of the birth of Jesus Christ. I came not to preach the almanac, but the Word of God. And from that I will always select what your souls at the time need." Under such a ministry the church soon became pure, and strong, and zealous.

This earnest man soon connected himself with the Presbyterian Church, where he felt he properly belonged, and commenced seeking out and training pious young men to make known Christ elsewhere. He took as his standard text-book the sound theology of old Willhelm Von Barlak. But he relied chiefly upon the direct study of the Scriptures, and the development of their minds and hearts by thoroughly catechising them. God has blessed these labors. The fruits are seen in forty German churches, planted in fields which God has opened up, often in the most striking manner, in Iowa, in Wisconsin, in Minnesota, and in Missouri. Two thousand communicants have been added to the Presbyterian Church. And so urgent are the German people of towns and settlements yet unsupplied with the gospel, for men of this stamp, that they are scarcely willing to wait until young men in the Seminary have completed a sufficient preparatory course.

The students at present number, I believe, over twenty. About three-fourths of them are assisted by the Board of Education, which also pays part of the salary of a tutor, the Rev. Godfrey Moery. Professor Van Vliet, except as he derives his support from the congregation, devotes his time gratuitously to the instruction of the classes. The studies are pursued in both German and English, and are partly of a collegiate, and partly of a theological character. It is the purpose of the directors of the Seminary, who are appointed by the Presbyteries of Dubuque and Dane, to make them more extended and complete as speedily as practicable.

The impressions of the writer, when he visited the Seminary last autumn, which were formed with an effort to ascertain the integrity and clearness of the faith of those connected with this remarkable movement, were of the most favourable kind. His addresses to the students and young people of the Sabbath-school were listened to with cordial interest. He was touched with the primitive and tender piety of Professor Van Vliet and his fellow workers. And he sincerely believes that a foundation has been laid, solidly, wisely, and in the love of Christ, upon which the Presbyterian Church should go on to build.

What we Need for Presbyterian Schools.

The Presbyterian Church is the friend of education. This is her reputation. This is her strength. To her Board of Education she has committed a most important work—the aiding of institutions in destitute regions, and the fostering of those for foreign populations.

The Board recently resolved that in order to do justice to these schools, &c., so far as applications have been made, and to pay the balance in which it was in debt on their account on February 1st, the sum of \$10,000 was needed.

The matter may be plainly stated thus:

Estimate for year from February 1st, 1869,	- - - - -	\$10,000
Of which due to treasury, overdrawn,	- - - - -	\$1,344
" " " to teachers yet unpaid,	- - - - -	300
		\$1,644
Leaving needed for use present year,	- - - - -	\$8,356

Amount received in February, \$2,555; from which deducting above debts, leaves on hand March 1st, only,

Yet required from churches for wants of current year, - - - - - \$7,445

Upon this we would remark, 1. That the above estimate must appear to every reflecting person to be a very small amount to expend in aiding Presbyterian institutions of the kinds referred to.

2. It is all needed, and much more. The accounts in the Annual Report, if read, will show this. And some of our most worthy teachers, who are doing a truly missionary work, are really suffering for want even of comfortable clothing.

3. If each church will but send us for this fund a small sum, taken up at a prayer-meeting, or gathered from a few interested individuals, the amount can easily be supplied.

4. An appeal is made to generous individuals to send us special donations. This department of the Board is wholly separate from the ministerial, and takes up no church collection on the Sabbath. The day appointed for contributions to it is that of prayer for schools, in February, when it is often neglected. We must look, therefore, eagerly to intelligent and liberal friends of the cause for help.

5. But the Church ought not to be content with the past. Let us go on to enlarge our work in a field so great. The Board asks the means to do this.

Revivals.

In the revivals of religion which are said to be in progress in some of our congregations, and institutions of learning, how important to direct the attention of young men of promise towards the ministry. "He who is the means of saving five souls will have honour before God, but he who raises up five men who may each bring hundreds to Christ will have far more."

The Troubled Minister.

A minister in one of our churches, in the State of New York, became deeply anxious concerning the young people in his church. One Sabbath morning he went into the pulpit with a carefully written sermon, but such was the state of his mind that he could not preach it; it did not seem to be what was needed. The first verse of the 14th chapter of John was suggested to his mind as if from on high. "Let not your heart be troub'ed; you believe in God, believe also in me." He rose up, and with much emotion preached from that. Five persons remained after church under deep conviction of sin. Many who went out were drawn to come back for conversation and prayer. A meeting was appointed for the next evening. Almost all the young persons of the region were there. Twenty-five young men were within a short time numbered with the Lord's people. Forty-seven persons were added at one communion. The lesson from such a case as this, is that our faith should stand not so much "in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God,"

and our speech and our preaching should be "not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power."

The Old Elder's Counsel.

A young pastor was much disengaged by the condition of his church, and especially by their neglect as to the payment of his salary. He opened his mind to a venerable elder. "My dear friend," was the reply, "we must try and cure it, but be not anxious. Just go to work in what you see you ought to do. Do the Master's work, and He will see that you are paid." The minister followed his advice with zeal, and in his report to the Presbytery recommended his brethren to follow the same plan.

Synod of Philadelphia.

The following resolution was adopted at the last meeting of this Synod in Lancaster. It is now published as a reminder, which we would earnestly press not alone upon the churches of that Synod, but upon those of other Synods which took similar action.

Resolved, That this Synod regards with warm interest the work of aiding Presbyterian schools and higher institutions of learning, and especially that

portion of it which aims to impart the blessings of religious education to the children of the German, French, and other foreign people, now pouring in millions into our country, and to raise up from them a ministry of the gospel for those races; and Synod urges brethren in churches which have taken up no collection during the past year in aid of this cause, to take measures to secure contributions to it.

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN FEBRUARY, 1869.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pby of Atlantic</i> —James Island ch, from the Freedmen	\$2 00	
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —First ch Baltimore	1000 00	
<i>Pby of Blairstown</i> —Pine Creek ch 9; Leavenworth ch 25	34 00	
<i>Pby of Burlington</i> —First ch Camden	75 00	
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Brenton ch	10 00	
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Rock Island 1st ch 10; Millersburg ch 10	20 00	
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Piney Creek ch 8 20; Mouth of Juniata ch 3	11 20	
<i>Pby of Connecticurt</i> —Red Mills ch	15 00	
<i>Pby of Des Moines</i> —Agricola ch	2 00	
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Elizabethport ch	25 00	
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Cool Spring ch 7; Salem ch 5	12 00	
<i>Pby of Frankville</i> —McGregor ch	5 00	
<i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Liberty ch 1; La Fayette ch 1	2 00	
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Sparta 2d ch	8 50	
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Monroe ch	6 00	
<i>Pby of Hocking</i> —Portsmouth ch 3 50; Athens ch 20	23 50	
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Mt Pleasant Ger ch	5 40	
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —Southampton ch, from the Female Education Society of	25 00	
<i>Pby of Louisville</i> —Shelbyville ch	18 0 1	
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Scranton Ger ch 2; Weatherly ch 3; Tamaqua ch 5	10 00	
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —New Jersey ch	27 50	
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Jamesburg ch 10; Tennent ch 50; Shrewsbury 1st ch 18; Holmansville ch 3	81 00	
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Stillwater ch 20 92; Swartswood ch 6	26 92	
<i>Pby of New Orleans</i> —New Orleans 2d Ger ch 4 00		
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Third ch Trenton	100 00	
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Fifth ave and Nineteenth st ch	47 22 23	
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Geneva ch	38 50	
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Second ch, from a member of, 150 of which for this Fund	103 00	
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> 2d—Neshaminy ch	2 00	
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Princeton ch	78 10	
<i>Pby of Pulmyra</i> —Brookfield ch, from Rev J P Finley and wife 5; Hannibal 1st ch 25; Clarence ch 1; Shelbyville ch 3	34 00	
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Bridge st ch Georgetown	36 81	
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Ger ch Paterson 2; Central ch Orange 150	152 00	

<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Connellsville ch 36 75; Uniontown ch 47 50	84 25
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Scales Mound ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Salisburg</i> —Plumville ch 8 75; Smicksburg ch 4 50; Apollo ch 16 07	29 82
<i>Pby of St Paul</i> —Stillwater 2d ch	2 00
<i>Pby of S Minnesota</i> —South Rushford ch 1; Plainview, Utica, Janesville, Okamon, and Waseca chs 1 each; Rochester ch 5	11 00
<i>Pby of Trou</i> —Sandy Hill ch	10 00
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Swedesboro' ch 1 50; Bridgeton 2d ch 10	11 50
<i>Pby of West Virginia</i> —Bethel ch 4; Sisterville ch 2	6 00
<i>Pby of White Water</i> —Dunlapsville ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —New Cumberland ch	48 00

\$6,919 73

MISCELLANEOUS.

A T Williams, Esq., Washington, Ohio 200; Rev H S Newcomb, South Britain, Conn 5	205 00
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\$7,124 73

II. FUND FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, &c.

<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Plymouth ch	5 00
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Fifth ave and Nineteenth st ch	2,343 25
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Pennington ch	50 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Second ch, from a member of	50 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> 2d—Neshaminy ch	7 01

\$2,455 25

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev James Clark, D.D., Phila 50; Miss P, special 50	100 00
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\$2,555 25

Total amount acknowledged, \$9,679 98

WILLIAM MAIN, Treasurer.

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Recent Intelligence.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES.—Our missionary work in Liberia, and all the best interests of that country, have met with a great loss in the death of Mr. B. V. R. James. He died at Monrovia, January 9th, after thirty-two years of faithful service in Africa. He was called to occupy official stations of high responsibility under the government in Liberia; he was a ruling elder of the Presbyterian Church in Monrovia; and for many years he was a teacher in the service of our Board. In all these stations he was held in great esteem. He was a sincere and exemplary follower of Christ, and we doubt not he has entered into the rest that remains to the people of God.

"ADDED TO THE CHURCH."—At San Francisco, Mr. Loomis writes, "On the last Sabbath," in January, "Chau Ah Ming was baptized; he promises well." Five new members added to the church at Benita are mentioned in another paragraph. At Ambala Dr. Morrison baptized a man and a woman. The man had been a soldier in China, where he had received five Mexican silver dollars, and devoted them to some heathen deity; but now he brought them to the missionary for the service of Christ. Dr. Morrison speaks of having lately received four other persons as members of the church, increasing the number of communicants to fifty. Mr. Robertson reports the admission of three Indians and one white man last year to the church among the Creeks. At Marshall, Liberia, Mr. Dillon reports the addition of three communicants, and the baptism of six children last year.

ENCOURAGING INTEREST in religious services is spoken of by Mr. Ramsay among the Seminoles, and by Mr. Wilson among the Winnebagoes. The brethren would prize the prayers of the churches as a special favour at this time; a remark, however, which might be made in behalf of all the missions.

NAVAJO MISSION.—The Rev. J. M. Roberts, writing from Fort Wingate, says, "I am on the field, and am well pleased with the way in which I am received by the people." He refers to a talk with two of the chiefs; one asked him what he was doing there, and, on learning his object, spoke in favour of it, and promised his influence in favour of a school. Mr. Roberts was preparing a house, Mrs. Roberts remaining at Santa Fe until it was ready.

AT BENITA AND VICINITY the missionaries are still finding encouragement. Five persons on examination and three by letter were received into the church last year, and there were twenty-seven Catechumens or inquirers on the 1st of October. Besides the transfer of the Rev. S. Reutlinger and his wife to this station from Corisco, reported last month, we have since learned that Miss Nassau was also requested to aid in the work at Benita. She has a day-school, with fifty scholars on the list, at a sub-station called Bolenda, two miles from the station, up the river towards Senge. This school is one of much promise.

THE PRESBYTERY OF LODIANA was divided at the late meeting of the Synod of Northern India. The churches and ministers west of the river Sutlej form now the Presbytery of Lahor; those on the east of that river constitute the Presbytery of Lodiana, retaining the old name. John Newton, Jr., M. D., was ordained as an

Evangelist by the Presbytery of Lodiana. The meeting of the Synod at Saharanpur is spoken of as one of much interest, but we have not yet seen the minutes of its sessions.

ARRIVAL IN INDIA OF MR. WYNKOOP.—The Rev. Theodore S. Wynkoop writes from Etawah, January 19th, on his way to Futtehgurh. His journey to India had been a safe and pleasant one.

THE RECEIPTS OF THE BOARD to the 1st of March are in advance of the amount received in the same months last year, when the *special* collections of last year are deducted. The amount received this year is—from churches \$145,806; from legacies, \$19,512; from miscellaneous \$25,328. The sums received last year, including *special* donations, to March 1st, thus classified, were \$151,416; \$11,755; and \$45,463. If the mission year is to end on the 30th of April free from debt by means of the regular collections of the churches, there will have to be liberal giving on the part of such as have not yet been reported. Such noble gifts as have been sent in by many, both rich and poor, if made by all or even by most of our Christian people, would free this cause from all embarrassment. Could not these be sent in during the month of April?

LETTERS RECEIVED TO MARCH 15th.—From Grand Traverse, January 7th; Little Traverse, February 25th; Omaha, March 1st; Winnebago, March 3d; Creek, February 10th; Seminole, February 2d; Fort Wingate, Navajo, January 20th; San Francisco, February 11th; Allahabad, January 27th; Futtehgurh, January 11th; Mynpurie, January 19th; Etawah, January 19th; Dehra, January 20th; Ambala, January 18th; Lodiana, December 26th; Monrovia, February 10th; Benita December 8th; Corisco, December 14th; Brotas, December 31st; Sao Paulo, January 15th; Rio de Janeiro, January 25th.

THE MEMORIAL SKETCH of the late senior Corresponding Secretary, was drawn up by the Rev. Dr. Wells, and it is published at our request. As one intimately acquainted with him, and as a member of the Executive Committee for the last fifteen years, Dr. Wells writes from personal knowledge; our readers will find much indebted to him for this paper.

HON. WALTER LOWRIE.

BY REV. JOHN D. WELLS, D.D.

The beloved man whose name stands at the head of this sketch, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, December 10th, 1784. In the year 1792 his parents came to this country, and after a short sojourn in Huntingdon county, settled in Butler county, Pennsylvania. Bringing with them their knowledge and love of the truth, their family altar, instruction, and discipline, and their thorough Presbyterianism, they helped to give tone and character to the civil and religious institutions of that part of their adopted State. Western Pennsylvania remains to this day a strong hold of Presbyterianism.

Walter felt the quiet and powerful influence of home culture. Most of his early secular instruction was received from the lips of his parents. By them, too, he was made acquainted with the truths of God's Word and the standards of our Church. In return for this Christian nurture, he gave himself, till early manhood, to the toil of a farmer under his father's direction, learning some great practical lessons, which turned to excellent account at later periods of his life.

After his conversion, which occurred when he was eighteen years old, he entered upon a course of study, with the ministry in view. Under the instruction of the Re-

John McPherrin, he pursued the Latin, Greek, and Hebrew languages with great diligence and success. Inured to toil from boyhood, having good health, a strong body, and a mind of fine texture and firm grasp, he made light of difficulties that few comparatively would have overcome. He was borne forward, too, by a fervent desire to preach the gospel. It became clear, however, after a while, that God was preparing him for a different work. Barriers were thrown and kept in his way, until, with no change in his high estimate of the sacred office to which he had aspired, and hoping to resume his studies, he laid them aside and entered upon the duties of secular life.

In 1811 he was elected to the Senate of Pennsylvania, and after serving the State seven years in this office, he was sent to the Senate of the United States.

At the expiration of his term of service, in 1824, he was made Secretary of the Senate, and held the office twelve years. Owing to the peculiarly delicate nature of this office, and the responsibility connected with it, it did not change incumbents with successive administrations. Mr. Lowrie's predecessor enjoyed its honours and emoluments for life, and he might have done the same. Indeed he was earnestly solicited by members of the Senate, without reference to party distinctions, to retain the office. But his purpose was taken and nothing could move him. A call louder than that of his peers in the State had come to him—the call he believed of the Head of the Church, to take charge of the Foreign Missionary work, to which as a denomination, we were then setting our hand.

He was elected Corresponding Secretary of the Western Foreign Missionary Society in 1836. This office he accepted, passing under the care of the General Assembly, when the Board of Foreign Missions was constituted in 1837. He continued in the faithful discharge of its varied duties, until, disabled by the infirmities of old age, he laid it down in 1868. He had not drawn his salary for several years before that date, and would not retain even the office, after he felt himself no longer able to discharge its duties.

Mr. Lowrie's public life as a statesman can be reviewed only in an extended memoir, which I hope we shall have in due season; still I cannot pass it without two or three suggestive statements.

It covered a period of twenty-five years, from 1811 to 1836. He was twenty-seven years old when he entered the Senate of Pennsylvania, and fifty-two when he left the Senate of the United States. For a quarter of a century, therefore, he was the associate of public men, the peer of great men—and was recognized by them and his constituents as himself a great man. Dr. Paxton, in his Funeral Address, published in the *Foreign Missionary* last month, tells us that "Webster, Clay, Calhoun, Randolph, Benton, and many others scarcely less illustrious, were members of the Senate" at that time, and adds:—"Among these distinguished Senators, Walter Lowrie occupied a position of honourable prominence. His great integrity won their confidence, whilst his peculiar sagacity and practical judgment led them to seek his advice, and rely upon his opinions. I am informed by one who was present at that time, that he was regarded by the Senators who knew him best, as an authority upon all questions of political history and constitutional law."

Mr. Lowrie's Christian character was tried, and at last purified and ennobled, while he remained in contact with influences that prove fatal to so many public men professing godliness. He impressed himself strongly upon other Christian men, and even upon those in high places who were not religious. But he escaped the perils of his position only through the constant and powerful influence of his home, the communion of saints, and the grace of God shed on him abundantly through Jesus Christ our Lord.

It should be stated, too, that during the eighteen years of his connection with the Senate of the United States, he was receiving a special providential training for the work to which God was about to call him. One might as well deny a plan of God in the case of Moses, as of Mr. Lowrie. The Jewish lawgiver was forty years in the family and court of Pharaoh, forty in the land of Midian, and forty at the head of the tribes; the last third of his life embracing the years and the work, for which the other two-thirds were a constant preparation. A similar division exists in the fewer years of Mr. Lowrie's life; and I have no doubt that all the years prior to his connection with the Senate of his own State, and all that he spent in discharging the duties of a statesman, were in fact, and were meant to be, preparatory, in many ways, to his great work in connection with the cause of missions.

It is certain that our work among the Indian tribes, encompassed with so many difficulties, and requiring correspondence and personal influence with the Department of Indian Affairs at Washington, could not have been successfully carried forward, without a very intimate knowledge of at least that Department of the Government. It was not in vain, therefore, that Mr. Lowrie, while in the Senate, was a member of the Committee on Indian Affairs, and profoundly interested in the fate and the evangelization of the tribes.

So, too, he co-operated with good men at Washington in the management of the American Colonization Society, and let his large Christian sympathies flow out towards the black man in this country, and on the continent of Africa.

With India he was brought into living connection, while still Secretary of the Senate, by the departure of his eldest son, the Rev. John C. Lowrie, to the northern provinces of that vast country.

And by a strange providence he was led to give his heart to the Chinese people, before God called him to give two of his sons, the Rev. Walter M. Lowrie and the Rev. Reuben Lowrie, as missionaries to the same people; the first to meet the death of a martyr, and the second to sink under the climate and his severe labours. Of these two sons it may be said with perfect truth, that they were among the ablest and most consecrated men ever sent by the Church to the Foreign field.

For sometime, I do not know how long, Mr. Lowrie pursued the study of the Chinese language, rising two hours earlier than usual, not to interfere with his duties as Secretary of the Senate. In this way he prepared himself in some measure, before he knew the plan of God for his future life, for the work of founding and conducting missions, at the very heart of the pagan world.

It is but little that can be said in this sketch of Mr. Lowrie's work, as Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions. The acceptance of the office involved great self-denial, and many sacrifices; and this was the charm by which the office secured its incumbent. So he himself declared. For a lucrative office, he chose one that never supported his family. He abandoned a beautiful home with ample grounds, for a dwelling in the city and the confinement of an office. At the age of fifty-two he relinquished a post of honour, with the duties of which he had become perfectly familiar, and which were comparatively easy, to put his hand to a work which no one understood, which one of the strongest men in our Church, to whom its oversight was offered, declined to undertake, and in doing which, for more than thirty years, Mr. Lowrie found no rest from toil and care and responsibility. It was work in the office; in the market place; at the seat of Government; in the Church; and among our Indian tribes. He had valuable counsellors and willing hands to help him, but it was his habit to think of everything. He was immensely and minutely practical; and even when office duties had

ecome so heavy that help was necessary, and his own natural strength was somewhat abated, he held his mind in contact with all questions of policy, and most of the plans and estimates for prosecuting and enlarging the work.

Few persons, probably, can appreciate the delicacy, the difficulty, and the importance of the work done in the office by a Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions. He is in contact with the missionaries and the heathen, on the one hand; and on the other, with the kindred of the missionaries; with many astors and churches; with the entire church for which he acts; and with missionary societies of other branches of the Christian Church. He is cut off from the intimate and endeared relationships to families and churches that pastors enjoy. He is the servant of all men. He is liable to frequent interruptions, and he has no prospect of reward, till his work ceases, and he enters into rest.

Mr. Lowrie was pre-eminently qualified for hard work at the table, and among the details of office work. His mind was calm and judicial. It had possession of great principles, discovered by broad inquiry, and the patient study of particulars relating to his work, or found clearly revealed in the Word of God. For this reason his letters to missionaries and missions, on matters of vital importance, were often so direct and simple, as to have the appearance—at least to those not familiar with the full details of the matters under consideration—of being common-place. Just as the ablest sermons, that treat of difficult subjects with seeming ease, are thought to be wanting in depth and power, by those who do not now at what a cost of labour such results are reached.

The same habits of mind revealed themselves in the deliberations of the Executive Committee and the Board. Quietly and earnestly, but in few words, and with great decision, Mr. Lowrie expressed his opinions. He was not afraid to be a minority and even alone, because his convictions were so strong. And rarely did he fail to fasten his own convictions upon other minds.

I have alluded to his work in the market place. For a number of years supplies of food and clothing, with household utensils and farming implements, were forwarded from New York, and other cities, to our Indian Missions in the West and Southwest. This imposed an immense amount of labour on the office of our board in Centre street; and in this labour Mr. Lowrie bore his part. He reckoned nothing little, or beneath his personal attention and toil, that could minister to the welfare of the missionaries and those under their care, or in any way help the cause of Christ.

His visits to Washington, on business connected with the missions among the Indians, if not frequent from year to year, were, in the aggregate, very numerous. They always taxed his strength severely, and often called into requisition all the experience and influence he had acquired during his long and intimate association with the Government.

The labours of Mr. Lowrie, in the Church, for many years, were very arduous and effective. He called upon people at their houses, to secure contributions for various purposes connected with the work of missions. He attended monthly meetings, visited Theological Seminaries, Presbyteries, and Synods, and went to the General Assembly, always bearing the great cause of Foreign Missions on his heart. Many will remember his tender and persuasive addresses. Perfectly familiar with all the details of the work, the wants of the heathen, the feeble responses of the church to calls for men and money to evangelize the world, and knowing well the ability of the Church to do all that the providence of God required, and the aims of Jesus upon his blood-bought people, he made his statements and appeals, with such force and melting tenderness, as to call forth many tears, and

produce deep and lasting impressions. The saving of a little child from heathenism; the conversion of an Indian, African, Hindoo, or Chinaman; the establishment of a new mission, or the enlarging of an old one, was, in his view, a matter of vast moment and sacred interest. He wondered that Christian men especially, and pastors of churches, could disparage the missionary papers, that were constantly reporting such things. With great simplicity, and often in tears, he related incidents connected with the progress of missions, and relied upon them to impress others as they did himself.

The visits of Mr. Lowrie to the Indian tribes in our country, were among the most arduous and important of all his official labours. It was the writer's privilege to accompany him in the spring of 1847 to Spencer Academy, then a flourishing school, under the care of our Board, among the Choctaw Indians, about ten miles from the Red River, and a hundred and twenty-five southwest from Fort Smith in Arkansas. By day and night for two months, in all sorts of conveyances and apartments, I held delightful fellowship with him as a son with a father. He was then sixty-three years old. From pretty full notes of travel taken at the time, it would be easy to give a very definite idea of the hardships he endured, the labour he performed, and the varied interests he sought to promote. He never spared himself. From the 29th day of March to the 21st of April, with few interruptions, we were making our way by rail, by stage, and by steamer to Fort Smith at the head of navigation on the Arkansas River.

Under date of Saturday, April 3d, while we were at Cincinnati, I find this record, which gives a hint, at least, in regard to one object of his visit: "Accompanied Mr. T—— and Mr. Lowrie to various places, the shops of artisans of different kinds. Mr. Lowrie is looking at grist mills, corn shellers, steam engines, and a carding, spinning and weaving machine, with the view of purchasing some or all of them for use among the Indians."

On the 21st of April, we took horse at Fort Smith, and, passing immediately into the Indian Territory, pursued our solitary way towards Spencer Academy. The path led us across beautiful rolling prairies, over rugged hills, and through bridgeless streams. At night we slept in Indian houses, and partook of their coarse but plentiful fare. Our midday lunch, consisting generally of a little bacon and some corn dodgers, was eaten beside a cool spring, or clear brook, where we tethered our horses, and rested a while, enjoying the perfect solitude, and holding Christian communion never to be forgotten. Mr. Lowrie's whole being was open to impressions from nature. He was perfectly at home among the lilies of the field, the trees of the forest, the running streams, and the everlasting hills. He knew the names of most of the birds, and was delighted when once we came suddenly upon some deer feeding in an oak grove. He noticed every change in soil and in geological formations, and would readily dismount to secure a new fossil. He was quick to perceive the points of beauty in a landscape, and the glories of the sky. And often his heart was too full for silence, and burst out in words of sacred song, or scripture, and in ascriptions of praise. But nothing stirred him so deeply as living contact with the Indians themselves, many of whom we saw in making our horseback journey through their country. His heart was melted to tenderness for them. At Spencer Academy he was employed almost without rest from Saturday, the day of our arrival, until Thursday following, in arranging family matters; projecting improvements on the buildings and the farm; revising accounts; hearing the recitation of the scholars; conducting and enjoying religious worship on the Sabbath; and conferring with the chiefs and leading men of the Choctaw Nation.

I should be glad, if the space devoted to this sketch would allow me to give an account of the last two nights of our return journey, for the purpose of showing to what discomforts and perils Mr. Lowrie willingly submitted in the prosecution of his great work. He endured hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. From thirty to fifty miles in the saddle, several days in succession, will try the strength of men who have not reached their sixty-third birthday.

At Fort Smith, on Monday, May 3d, 1847, Mr. Lowrie and myself parted company; he to pursue his lonely way to the Creek, Iowa, and Omaha Missions, and I to return home. I conclude this notice of the journey, by a short extract from my journal.

"This morning Mr. Lowrie took an early start on his long and solitary horseback journey. The Rev. Mr. Marshal (from Van Buren) and myself, accompanied him to the flat boat, and saw him safely over the Arkansas River, and mounted on his 'Charley.' He waved his hat, and passed on to do his important work, cheerfully sustaining many privations and hardships. He goes first to the Creek Mission, thence across the country to Independence on the Missouri River, and thence, by water, if possible (but if not, on horseback), to Council Bluff and the Iowa and Omaha Missions."

This was only one of several visits made by Mr. Lowrie to the Indian missions. The result of his personal agency in behalf of the tribes under our care, and the abundance of his labours, with the greatness of his perils and hardships, can never be known till the Master himself reveals them, as fruits of his love and devotion.

I think of Mr. Lowrie habitually, as one to whom the sacred description of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, applies without any qualification or abatement—"A man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost." It pleased God to give him a large nature, and a peculiar providential training for the work he loved so well. But in addition to this, by early revealing to him the plague of his heart, and placing him in circumstances where his own strength was felt to be perfect weakness, as a defence against worldly influences, He led him to ask until he obtained, in large measure, that most precious gift, "Faith, the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." The infinite objects of the Christian hope were as real to him as the ground on which he walked. The unseen things of the Kingdom of Heaven, had a demonstrated existence to his soul, that made them vastly more precious and influential than all the objects of sense. This was in part the secret of his superiority to the world, and the consecration of himself, his children, and his possessions, to Christ and his cause.

But it is not without design that Stephen is described as a man "full of the Holy Ghost," as well as of faith; and this part of the description has its equal meaning in reference to Mr. Lowrie. His thoughts, affections, and purposes were controlled by Him. He was a living temple of the living God. A Person of the Godhead occupied his whole spirit and soul and body, and moved him by the Holy Scriptures, by the precious ordinances of God's house, by sacred providences and by his own still small voice, as clear sometimes to the consecrated soul as the human voice to the ear, to keep back nothing from his Redeemer and Master, to spend and be spent for him; to forsake all that he had, and not to count his life dear unto him, that he might win and glorify Christ. He called Him his *Master*. He delighted in his service. It was perfect liberty to him to have every thought brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. No doubt he had his faults, but I do not know what they were, unless we must reckon it a fault to be blunt and outspoken against evil, to denounce selfishness that sacrifices the precious interests

of Christ's cause to personal ease and emolument, and to hate falsehood and pretence.

It was Mr. Lowrie's faith, wrought and maintained by the Holy Ghost, that gave to the prophecies and promises of scripture, relating to the spread and triumph of the gospel in the whole world, so much power over his heart and life. Really believing that as many as sin without law, shall also perish without law, he believed that in the last days the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it:—that Jesus Christ is a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Israel; that there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved; that for this reason he must be preached among all nations, and the presence and power of his Spirit invoked in behalf of all, till the wilderness and solitary places of the earth rejoice and blossom as the rose.

In this faith he lived and died, leaving to the Church a legacy of toil and consecration and prayer, which she may well prize.

Happy in his second marriage as in his first, blessed in his children and children's children, and also in his work, he came to the grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season. Carlyle celebrates "The sunless worth of a man," and Bayne in his "*Christian Life*," with more Christian views, dwells upon the theme. Surely none but God can make such a man, as we know Mr. Lowrie was and is, and to him let all the glory be given. His face was the index of his character, the mirror of his soul; and as we recall it now, or gaze upon its most faithful representation in Ritchie's engraving, we can only be thankful that we knew and loved him—and that now he rests from his labours, and his works do follow him.

One of the Good Plans.

There are many plans in use among the churches of collecting money for benevolent purposes. All are not equally good, and yet the plan that does not suit one church may be an excellent one for another. Considering the great variety that exists in the circumstances of our Christian people, it can hardly be deemed wise to recommend any one plan any more than any one day or time, as best for all. But let it be regarded as a matter of much importance, and one deserving earnest and careful study by each Church Session, that the best plan for each church be adopted, whatever it may be. A good plan should be simple—not complicated; comprehensive—suiting all the members of the church; easily worked. It were easy to say more, and to enter on the merits of particular plans, but such is not our purpose; yet we must add that no plan, however excellent, should be too much depended on. Information

of the Lord's work is most useful. Scriptural instruction as to the stewardship of all the followers of Christ is indispensable. A well-considered plan of action is also indispensable; it will not do to leave this matter to take care of itself. And yet the main thing, as we all believe, is the grace of God in the heart as the spring of all benevolent action. Whatever strengthens and develops, in a healthy manner, this inward principle is to be greatly valued. And here we find the secret of our strength. It is in the regular instructions of our ministers, and the faithful administration of our Church Sessions, accompanied by the influences of the Holy Spirit. Give us these, and we feel sure that vigorous, systematic, continued liberality to the cause of Christ will follow.

These thoughts, shared in common, as we suppose, by most of our ministers, are suggested by a letter lately received from one of our esteemed and efficient

pastors in Ohio—from which we insert the following extract. The plan here so well recommended engaged the attention of one of our ministers in New Jersey nearly eight years ago; an article from his pen on the subject may be found in the *Record* of June, 1861.

. . . I have concluded to send you a brief account of our mode of raising money for the Board. By a continued effort put forth at intervals, I endeavoured to convince the people that the weekly mode of contributing to benevolent objects, is the scriptural mode. I did not, however, attempt to introduce that mode of giving, until the people, enlightened and convinced on the subject, agreed by a public vote to adopt the plan of weekly contribution, and also fixed a time to begin. During the winter of 1867–8 this plan was adopted in this church, and the 1st of April 1868 agreed on as the time for commencing.

This was duly announced, and on the day named, *i. e.*, the first Sabbath of April last we commenced. The plan has been steadily followed since. I take the various objects in the order fixed by the General Assembly; and devote a larger or less number of Sabbaths to each according to its importance. On the first Sabbath devoted to any cause, I present that cause according to the best of my ability—setting forth the present condition of that Board, the facts and arguments in reference to it, and trying to move the people to intelligent and liberal action in its behalf. After the first statement nothing more is said, except some new fact comes to my knowledge during this time devoted to that object. Sabbath after Sabbath the collection is taken by the deacons, and deposited with their treasurer till the number of Sabbaths devoted to that object is full; the money is then forwarded. On the following Sabbath a new object is presented and the same process repeated. And thus on till during the year we pass over the whole schedule of objects presented.

Thus far, the plan works well. It is in its results a great improvement on the old method. During the current year we have sent to your Board eighty-six dollars, which is fifty per cent. above our contribution of the former year, and indeed the largest that has been sent for many years from this church. Nor is this statement true only of the Board of Foreign Missions. It is equally true

of the other Boards. We try to look on giving to the Lord as a part of worship, connect it with our praying and praising—our preaching and hearing. From our experiment thus far we are inclined to take courage and go forward.

Yours truly,

Evangelization in Italy.

INFIDELITY—ROMANISM—THE VAUDOIS CHURCH AT GENOA.

GENOA, December, 1868.

When tidings reach Britain that the Italians hate the Pope, remove Madonnas from the streets, cease to attend church, interfere with processions, etc., etc., some people are apt to hope great and good things. When, however, one witnesses these doings in Italy itself, and perceives of what spirit they are the expressions, then they stand before one not as streaks of the dawn about to usher a day of glory, but as the fading away of lingering rays into darkness. These doings spring not from religious feeling enlightened by God's Word, but from the death of all religious convictions. The eternal world is no longer believed in, God is a name, Christ was the Garibaldi of his day, the Church is a company of traffickers. How far this state of things is a result of the falsehood in the teaching of the Church of Rome, and how far a sympathetic accord with that spirit of scepticism which prevails at present in all lands, I will not inquire. My business is with the actual state of things, and as to that, I say this Italian people lies before us with its intellect and conscience and heart remarkably unwilling to inquire after and to embrace the truth.

Strange it may sound to those who see Popery only in contrast to Protestant truth, when I say that when Popery is seen here face to face with Infidelity, one looks with more hope for genuine converts on those who still remain Papists, than on those who are such no longer. The former still believe in God, in sin, and in a Divine Redeemer. The latter believe in nothing. If the former could but know us as we know them, if the prejudice which leads them to consider us as infidels who do not believe in Christ could be removed, surely the truth which we preach concerning Christ and him crucified would awaken echoes in the hearts of the more exercised. Not till

Papery is rejected, because a religious hunger in the soul does not find in it food sufficient, can Protestantism hope to be accepted. As long as such rejection springs from indifference and scepticism, Protestantism will share the same fate, speak it ever so truly. Let us not cherish unfounded expectations, therefore, when we hear of Italian hostility to Pope and clergy. In some circumstances it might be a good sign, but unfortunately in the present it is not. We have only the more difficulties to deal with, and difficulties more fundamental. The nation must accordingly pass through a preparatory process, under the guidance of God's providence and God's Spirit, which will make mind and conscience more receptive than, alas, they are at present. In this process we may take our part by prayer, by the proclamation of the fundamental principles of natural and revealed religion, by the presentation of a Christian morality, by a sound religious education, and means such like. These, by the blessing of the Holy Ghost, will turn the rock into fruitful earth.

I have been brought most in contact with the work of the Vaudois Church in Genoa. The work is one of the longest established in Italy, and is unquestionably one of the most flourishing. The pastor, Mr. Prochet, is able and active. . . .

The attendance on Sabbath mornings averages from one hundred and twenty to two hundred. The evening attendance is less numerous but is increasing. He holds two well attended meetings on week-days, and another meeting for his Sunday-school teachers. The congregation is composed of original Protestants and of converts from Papery. Of the former there are some seventy communicants, of the latter some ninety. The number of converts from Papery who are applying for admission into full church standing this season is twenty-five. Of these, eight form four couples, heads of households. I may say that Mr. Prochet is very careful and strict in making admissions. The week-day school is frequented by some seventy children, many being Roman Catholics; and the Sunday-school has on its list about sixty. The community has recently suffered a loss in the death of Mr. Eugene Revel, who had been appointed to assist Mr. Prochet during this winter. His removal was most sudden, and made a deep impression.

I am glad to say that the Vaudois

party and the Fratelli in this city are on better terms than in many places elsewhere. As proof, both parties have for the three past years united in observing the Week of Prayer suggested by the Evangelical Alliance; and what is more, a letter was addressed by the Vaudois congregation to the congregation of the Fratelli inviting them to an extraordinary meeting for prayer on behalf of Italian Evangelization, and the invitation was accepted.—*Voice from Italy*, January, 1869.

ASPECT OF THE WORK IN VENICE.

FLORENCE, Oct. 17th, 1868.

The spiritual work at Venice is very gladdening. Some weeks ago I spent six days there, and was present at the evening meetings, at the Sunday-school, and at the Sabbath services. At the week-day evening meetings there are always one hundred and fifty present, very attentive and devout in their demeanor. There were fifty children in the Sabbath-school, but I was told many were absent, as it was vacation time. I was particularly edified by the service on Sunday morning, followed by the dispensation of the Lord's Supper. The congregation numbered at least three hundred; the stillness was remarkable, the preaching was clear, vigorous, faithful, impressive. The communicants were one hundred and five in number; the act was very solemn. Their countenances showed they felt what they were doing. In looking at them I reflected, certainly these persons whom Rome now calls heretics and condemned, never found such communion with their Saviour or such joy in his presence when they heard mass and took the Host from the hands of the priest. On the Sunday evening more than three hundred and fifty assembled. The subject of discourse was controversial, but moderate, dignified, and serious. It had been almost forced on the evangelist by a priest considered a great orator, who had been sent for expressly, and requested to preach a series of discourses against the Vaudois heretics, who had burst like ravening wolves into the fold of the Patriarch of Venice. Our minister replied in the evening at his meeting to the attacks of M. Berengo, and then published in fly-sheets his answers, which had a great circulation in the town; so much so that Berengo thought it his duty to stop his orations sooner than he had

intended, as they were sending many of his hearers to our meetings.

. . . If you would allow me to take you to the other extremity of our country, I would tell you we were obliged, in spite of the scarcity of labourers, to send in August one who laboured with success at Pietra Marazzi (near Alexandria, in Piedmont) to Catania, where our ever-to-be-regretted young brother Gregori was cut off by cholera. The news received from this labourer is very encouraging. He found himself literally among sheep without a shepherd. He organized their congregation and schools, and succeeded. The public meetings are very numerously attended, and he has begun to hold small house meetings, where the timid, and particularly women, come under the pretext of visiting their neighbours. There is already a Sunday-school containing twenty-one children. It is very pleasing, he says, when I am questioning the children, to hear the parents giving the answers quite in a loud voice.—*Rev. J. P. Revel, D.D., Ibid.*

WALDENSIAN THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL AT FLORENCE.

The Waldensian Theological College commenced its session for 1868-69 at the beginning of October with an attendance of eleven students. Eight of these are from the Waldensian Valleys, two from Sicily, and one from Siena. The last of these, a young man of twenty-three or twenty-four years of age, had a very good appointment as one of the secretaries in the office of the Minister of Finance, but on the death of his wife and only child about a year ago, he was led to turn his thoughts to religion, and gave up his appointment in order that he might prepare himself for preaching the gospel. In addition to these regular students, one of the government reporters in parliament regularly attends the Lectures on Theology, Church History, &c., and at the end of last session passed his examinations on these subjects. Since the departure of Sig. Appia for Naples, Dr. De Sanctis has been appointed one of the regular professors of this college. The staff of professors, therefore, now consist of Dr. Revel, Prof. Geymonat, and Dr. De Sanctis. During the present session Dr. Revel lectures on Church History during the middle ages, the History of Doctrines, the Exegesis of the First Epistle to the Corinthians, and Pastoral Theology; Prof. Geymonat lectures on Dogmatic

Theology, the Exegesis of the Epistle to the Romans, and the Prophecy of Isaiah, and also teaches the Hebrew Grammar; while Dr. De Sanctis lectures on the Doctrines of the Church of Rome and Christian Antiquities. The curriculum extends over three sessions of nine months each. At present Dr. De Sanctis is preparing for the press the substance of a series of lectures on the History of the rise of the different Errors of the Romish Church—a work the materials of which he has been engaged in collecting for nearly twenty years.

Three of the students who left this college in 1867, and have since then been labouring in different stations, were last month ordained as pastors, after having delivered discourses and passed most satisfactory examinations on Theology, Church History, Greek, and Hebrew, before the College Committee here, and also before the Synod of Pastors at La Tour. But while we have to rejoice at this addition to the band of labourers who are striving to dispel the ignorance and superstition that now brood over this land, and introduce the people to the knowledge of the only Saviour of sinners, we have also to lament the removal by death of one from among that little company of evangelists. In the beginning of this month the Rev. Eugenio Revel, one of the young pastors who studied at the college here, died at Genoa, of suppressed smallpox, after a very short illness. Thus, in little more than two years has the Waldensian Church lost no fewer than six evangelists and two students of theology. These blanks, so numerous and so sudden, may well lead us to pray that others may be raised up to occupy their places.—*Ibid.*

The Chippewas at Grand Traverse.

It is now thirty years since the Rev. Peter Dougherty commenced his missionary work among the Indians at Grand Traverse Bay, Michigan. He found them in the forest, living in a miserable way, ignorant, and especially without the knowledge of salvation through Christ. He has been spared to witness great changes in their condition, in regard both to temporal and spiritual things. These bands of Chippewas are now in a good degree a Christian and civilized people. But for this mission

they would doubtless have been wasted away by contact with the white settlers, who are of late years increasing in number. There are still causes of solicitude as to the future condition of these Indians, but the good already done amongst them by these humble labours is manifest and of encouraging interest. Under date of February 6th, Mr. Dougherty writes as follows, in reviewing the last year's work and the present condition of the people in that vicinity.

The number of Indians in our immediate connection in attendance on our instruction is only about fifteen families or about seventy individuals; but there are frequent attendants on our meetings from the Catholic village south of us, and from a band some three miles from North Port, under the care of the Rev. Geo. N. Smith, a Congregational minister, who preaches to them every other Sabbath. There are now native members of the church thirty-three, who reside around the mission, and five who live at other places some distance away, who attend meeting occasionally. Three members (female) have been called to rest within a few months past. Those living at other villages remote from the mission keep up meetings for prayer and exhortation among themselves, and in connection with members of the Methodist society. Some few who were members of our church have married into Catholic families, and are living beyond our influence, and one is under discipline and not counted in the above, although he attends meetings when here. There are also twelve white persons members of the church. While death has been calling some away, the Lord has gathered one of the lambs into his fold. At our last communion, on the first Sabbath of January, the daughter of one of the leading members was received into full communion. She is about fifteen years old and promises well. The whole number of members in good standing is fifty. Our resident members are conducting well. They keep up two regular prayer-meetings conducted by themselves and generally well attended. My daughter Susan has a small day-school still in operation attended by from ten to fifteen Indian children. The parents do not all manifest the interest they should in the education of their children. The necessities and habits of the families lead the children when ten or twelve to

labour in the field or forest for food and clothing, and seldom can they be kept in a day-school after that age.

These Indians are improving in their temporal condition, all the families here and many in the other settlement have lands which they purchased from the Government some years ago, and by the treaty of 1855 lands were given to every individual twenty-one years of age, so that all, except some who have grown up since, have lands; and with a few exceptions they are living on their lands, clearing and cultivating them. The principal families have teams, and ploughs, sleighs, and some wagons. In the winter they find profitable employment in cutting and hauling cord wood. They get seven shillings a cord for chopping, and seven or eight shillings for hauling to the beach. From their lands and labour they gather the means of comfort. For want of habits of economy and steady perseverance, they do not get ahead as well as industrious white men do. They are also receiving annuities from the Government which will continue three years longer by treaty. Last fall the payment amounted to fifteen dollars a head.

There is entire peace and harmony between them and the white inhabitants. They enjoy all the privileges of other citizens of the State. But the feeling of most white people is that they could make a better use of the land occupied by the Indians, and for schools and social intercourse they would prefer white neighbours. I think therefore in a few years most of those around here will be bought out, and they will scatter to other places. The agent and some others propose a permanent reservation, some place in the region of Little Traverse, to concentrate all who will, on such reserve, and give schools, and mechanics, &c. to improve them. My own judgment is the day for reservation for these people is past. There must be a time when they should cease to be wards of the Government, and sustain themselves. What they see of white men and the stimulus their example and prosperity give will be better than seclusion. If they would give more earnest attention to education and the learning of our language, they would have a better prospect. As to order and good conduct where the laws are executed against the sale of liquor they are better or equally good as with white families. No liquor is now sold in this region, and no drink among the Indians.

A Success and an Apparent Repulse.

The Rev. John Wherry, Shanghai, December 16th, 1868, thus describes some things which were encouraging and some that were trying to their faith.

In this letter I have to mention a success, and an apparent repulse, in our mission work; the organization of a church at Suchow, and the expulsion by Chinese officials of our native assistant from Kia-Hing.

Our Presbytery at its last meeting received and granted a request from the little band of Christians at Suchow, to be organized into a separate church, and appointed Yang Wen Mien and myself to be present at and conduct the organization. As soon as our work at Shanghai permitted, in company with Mr. Mateer, who was at that time on a visit here, we hastened to fulfil our commission. Arriving at Suchow on the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 11th, we at once made arrangements for the service to be held in the evening of the same day. Pending these, with Mr. Schmidt as our guide, we visited some of the places of interest in this renowned city, amongst which the great pagoda, said to be nearly a thousand years old, and one of the largest in the world, deserves mention as a relic of hoary but decaying superstition, and a large photograph gallery as a token of advancing knowledge. In the evening we found our little chapel crowded with—I must not say worshippers, but with interested observers, men, women, and children, of whom some had heard the truth before and some had learned to love it. To these Mr. Yang preached an excellent sermon. After the sermon, I explained to the little church the object of our visit, and receiving an affirmative response to the question whether they wished to complete at once their church organization by electing ruling elders, I explained the nature and duties of that office, Mr. Yang following my remarks in the same line. Mr. Schmidt and Ts'en Sien Seng, teacher in the day-school, were then elected elders by ballot and at once ordained, Mr. Yang reading and enforcing appropriate passages of scripture, and Mr. Pau, our native evangelist, leading in prayer. After this I administered the communion to the newly formed church, and we separated, rejoicing that through the grace of God

a Christian church had been established in this great heathen city.

On our first arrival at Suchow we had learned that *Huang Wen Lan*, who with his family had removed to Kia Hing, had been driven out of that city, and on arriving at the *Len* gate on our way home, we met him himself, from whom we learned the particulars. One night, about nine o'clock, a constable with fifty or sixty followers entered his house, and showing a document purporting to be from the city magistrate, as their authority, proceeded at once to eject him and his family, the landlord, at whose suit it appears this action was taken, being present and hiring coolies to remove the furniture outside the city gate. Huang and his family having no alternative followed their goods to the gate, where about daylight the landlord hired a boat to take them to Shanghai. The only crime laid to Huang's charge was that he taught the Christian religion. As this outrage was a clear infraction of the treaty, which provides that not only foreign but native teachers of this doctrine shall be unmolested, and because though the house was rented in Huang's name it was for the use of our mission, I thought it proper, after consulting with the brethren here, to ask the interposition of the Consul, Mr. Seward. He has taken the affair in hand, but we do not yet know how it will terminate. In the meantime a messenger from the middleman, who assisted us in renting the house, has arrived, telling us that he has been beaten one hundred blows in the face by order of the magistrate, for his participation in renting a house to a Christian, and is threatened by further punishment from a superior officer. I have sent his statement to the Consul also, who has promised to give it his consideration.

Continued Encouragement at Ningpo and its Vicinity.

The Rev. John Butler, writing at Ningpo, China, September 30th, 1868, and reviewing the work of the year, sends information that will be cheering to our readers.

The labourers at this station have abundant cause for rejoicing on account of the blessings that have attended their efforts for the salvation of this people during the past year. Fifty-four persons have been received into the communion

of the different churches, all giving very satisfactory evidence of their knowledge of the doctrines of the scripture, and of the renewing power of divine truth in their hearts. While we notice the fact that all these are poor, bringing no pecuniary aid to the mission, but on the contrary increasing its expenses, yet if, as we believe, they are truly Christians and are "rich in faith" and good works, we can only pray that their number may be multiplied. While our operations have been unavoidably disturbed by the removal of half the working force of the mission to Hang Chow, as well as by the uncommon amount of sickness among natives and foreigners, yet the work has gone quietly and steadily on, and there are cheering indications in the numbers now knocking at the door for admission, that the leaven of truth is working among this people.

. . . In closing the record of another year, we are more and more impressed with the value of *native labourers*, and the necessity that they be multiplied. The men already in the field have proved themselves reliable and efficient, and are a just cause for thankfulness to the mission. But as the work spreads we have not qualified men to occupy the new places. Influenced by these facts, we earnestly hope the Executive Committee will make such an appropriation as will at least enable us to educate the most hopeful of the boys of our church members, with a view to their becoming preachers to their own people.

A Native Church and its Missionary.

The Rev. J. M. W. Farnham writes as follows from Shanghai, China, December 17th, 1868:

You are aware that our little church here has for some years past heeded the recommendation of the General Assembly, to take up collections regu-

larly for the several Boards. About nine months ago, after due consideration and a week of prayer, the church decided to expend the moneys thus raised here.

They formed a "Missionary Society," chose a "Board" of Directors, Secretary, and Treasurer, and resolved on a monthly subscription, with a weekly prayer-meeting to hear any news from their station and pray for its success. They were now fairly embarked in the missionary work, only lacking a representative among their heathen countrymen.

The selection of this man they made a very serious business. Another week was allowed to pass, during which it was understood that there was to be no canvassing nor "caucusing," no talking with each other upon the subject, but communion with God; seeking to know the mind of the Spirit. The member thus appointed by a unanimous vote went out, followed by many prayers, to seek a suitable village for a station. He has now been about nine months with his wife, also a church member, labouring under these auspices.

He met with considerable opposition during the first few months. Some twenty inflammatory, vulgar, and most slanderous posters were put up in different parts of the town; and on one occasion he was beaten, and barely escaped with his life, one of his assailants having aimed a blow that would probably have been fatal but for a providential interposition.

In this time of trouble they had no government to look to for protection or redress, but they could look to Him who controls the universe. They plead that it might turn out for the furtherance of the gospel. Quiet and peace have been restored, and there are several hopeful inquirers, of whom two have for some months observed the Sabbath, and are asking admission to the church. I go to examine and perhaps baptize them.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN FEBRUARY, 1869.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Kingsboro ch 228 55; Ballston Centre ch 28 75; State St ch, Albany, add'l 460. *Pby of Londonderry*—First ch, Boston 100; Londonderry ch 61 5^v. *Pby of Troy*—Mechanicsville Sab-sch 3; Sandy Hill ch 20 —————— \$941 80

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Butler ch 89 84; Sab-sch 47 50 = 137 34; Mt Nebo ch 11 50; Jefferson Summit ch 7; Slate Lick ch 25; Middlesex Sab-sch 14 40; Pleasant Valley ch 12 70; Union ch 9 45; Bull Creek ch 22. Sab-sch 25 55 = 47 55; Concord ch 31 50; North Butler

ch 6. *Pby of Allegheny City*—North ch. Allegheny City, add'l 10 65; Pine Creek ch 10 89; Beaver ch 50; Emsworth ch 9 50; 1st ch, Allegheny City. Sab-sch 200. *Pby of Beaver*—New Castle ch 83; Hermon ch 80 55. Sab-sch to sup boy at Saharunpur 25. to sup girl at Dehra 30 = 135 55; Westfield ch 130; Unity ch 71 50; Mahoning ch 31 87; Pulaski ch 11; Hopewell ch 7 90; Mt Pleasant ch 28; Slippery Rock ch 20. *Pby of Erie*—Second ch, Mercer 54 35. Sab-sch 12 65 = 67; Warren ch 62 68; Surgeonville ch 13 75. Sab-sch. Mrs Steirett's Class 1 25 = 15; Greenville

ch 80; Waterloo ch 4; 1st ch, Mercer, a member
15 1346 08

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Atlantic*—James Island ch 1 50. *Pby of Baltimore*—Annapolis Sab-sch 39 50; Taneytown ch 96 75; Thorndale Institute 22 25; South ch, Baltimore 14; 1st ch, Baltimore, Mrs George Brown 1500. Sundry others 3 275 54 = 4,775 54; Broadway ch Sab-sch, Baltimore 13 25. *Pby of Carlisle*—Silver Spring ch 46 25; Mercersburg ch 75, Sab-sch 21 35 = 96 35; Greencastle ch 83 45, mo con 19 70, Sab-sch 13, Coloured Mission Sab-sch 10 = 126 15; Gettysburg ch 38 40; 2d ch, Carlisle 269 42; Mouth of Juniata ch 10. *Pby of Levees*—Pitt's Creek ch, Newtown Sab-sch 10. *Pby of Potowmack*—Bridge St ch, Georgetown 96 41. 5,646 77

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Buffalo City*—Black Rock ch 5; East Aurora ch 10. *Pby of Genesee River*—Moscow ch 20, Sab-sch 10 = 30; 2d ch, Sparta, Ladies' Centa-Week Soc'y 4 25; Central ch, Genesee 59 16; Tuscarora ch 5 50; 1st ch, Bath, Sab-sch 10 81. *Pby of Rochester City*—First ch, Rochester 170 50 295 25

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Bureau*—First ch, Rock Island 20; Oscoe ch 5; Beulah ch 8; Coal Valley ch 4; Millersburg ch 20. *Pby of Chicago*—St Ann's ch, Chicago 7; Marengo ch 16 50; Clinton Centre ch 14; Mendota ch 36; German Zion ch 7; North ch, Chicago 365 59. *Pby of Rock River*—Dixon ch 34 22; German ch, Forrester Grove 18; Galena South ch 24 07. *Pby of Schuyler*—Camp Creek ch 16; Doddswood Sab-sch 5 15. *Pby of Warren*—North Henderson ch 23; 1st ch, Monmouth Sab-sch 33 658 83

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Red Oak ch 25; Salem ch 191 15. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Fifth ch, Cincinnati 25; Pleasant Run ch 10; Central ch, Cincinnati 193 19, Sab-sch 50 = 243 19; Pleasant Ridge ch 32 50; 7th ch, Cincinnati mo con 11 32; Loveland ch 18. *Pby of Miami*—First ch, Middletown 42 50; Franklin ch 34 47; Clifton ch 76 10. Ladies' Benevolent Soc'y 10 = 86 19. *Pby of Oxford*—Hamilton ch 72 02; Bethel ch 30. *Pby of Sidney*—First ch, Urbana 30 10; Covington ch 4; Union City ch 24; West Liberty Sab-sch 4 73; Rushsylvania ch 11 25 895 33

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Towanda ch 48, Sab-sch 5 = 53; Union Grove ch 10 55; Chenoa ch 13 68; Lexington ch 17, Sab-sch 5 = 22; Lincoln ch 13 55, Sab-sch 3 45 = 17; Clinton ch 83 44, Sab-sch 14 16 = 97 60. *Pby of Kaskaskia*—Butler ch 20 45; Elm Point ch 14 40; Hillsboro Sab-sch 4 10. *Pby of Palestine*—Grandview Sab-sch, a class 1. *Pby of Peoria*—Second ch, Peoria 149 26. Rev H V D Nevius 10, Sab-sch 23 57 = 182 83; 1st ch, Peoria 80, Sab-sch 50 = 130; Henry ch 85, Sab-sch 12 = 97; Delavan ch 34; Brunswick ch 8 40; Yates City ch 5. *Pby of Saline*—Friendsville ch Juv Miss'y Soc'y 14 50; Carmich 6 85. *Pby of Sangamon*—Virginia ch 28 50 760 86

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Indianapolis*—Acton ch 6. *Pby of Madison*—Vernon Sab-sch Infant Class 6; Pleasant ch 3 55; 1st ch, Madison 136 60. *Pby of New Albany*—Paoli ch 8 90; Lincoln ch 4 50. *Pby of Vincennes*—First ch, Vincennes 26; Petersburg ch 8; Union ch 5 25. *Pby of White Water*—Dunlapsville ch 4 25; Centreville ch 2 211 05

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Fairview ch 3 75; Herman ch 7 15; Blue Grass ch 5 85; Tipton ch 35 83, Sab-sch 7 29 = 43 12; New York ch 8; Muscatine ch 35. *Pby of Dubuque*—Andrew ch 7 90; Farmer's Creek ch 5 70; 1st ch, Dubuque 36 15; Scotch Grove ch 16 50. *Pby of Fort Dodge*—German ch, East Friesland 2. *Pby of Frankville*—McGregor German Sab-sch 10. *Pby of Vinton*—Newton Sab-sch 3 50; Jefferson ch 2 186 62

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Highland*—Salem ch 2 00

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Ebenezer*—Falmouth ch 8; Ashland ch 36 45; Dunlapsville ch 7 45. *Pby of Louisville*—Fourth ch Louisville 23; Shelbyville ch 63 137 90

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Lafayette*—Knob

Noster ch ch 12, Rev J H Byers and wife 5 = 17. *Pby of Palmyra*—Kirkville ch 26, Sab-sch. to con Jas P Beatty Life Member 4 = 30; 1st ch Hannibal 38; Brookfield Sab-sch 8; Clarence ch 3; Shelbyville ch 8. *Pby of St Louis*—Second ch St Louis Sab-sch, for Ningpo 571 55. *Pby of Southwestern Missouri*—Deep Water ch 7; Carthage Sab-sch 14; Ebenezer and Mt Vernon chs 15. *Pby of Upper Missouri*—Savannah ch 5; Albany ch 1 50 717 05

SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.—*Pby of Holston*—Salem ch 15; Mt Bethel ch 16 25. *Pby of Nashville*—Second ch Nashville 106 26; Columbia ch 10 147 51

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Corisco*—Rev Walter H Clark 10. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—Basking Ridge ch 180; Elizabethport Sab-sch 6 25; New Vernon ch 30; Westfield ch 105 36, Sab-sch 104 73, Union Sab-sch 71 ets, Willow Grove Sab-sch 2 40 = 213 20. *Pby of Luzerne*—Mauch Chunk ch 256 80; 1st ch Scranton 550; Mrs E R King 30; Port Carbon ch 50; Tamaqua ch 20. *Pby of Monmouth*—Holmanville ch 7; Red Bank ch 45; Tom's River ch 4; Tennent ch 200. *Pby of Newton*—Stewartsville ch 82 72; Newton ch, Maggie Mott 2; Harmony ch 44 75, Sab-sch 6 = 50 75; 1st ch Mansfield 150; Stillwater ch 33 77; Swartswood ch 5. *Pby of New Brunswick*—First ch Hightstown Sab-sch 14, proceeds of Young Ladies' Miss'y Soc'y Fair 52 = 66; Pennington ch 150; Ewing ch 43 50; Central ch, Lawrenceville, Sab-sch, for Miss Nassau's sch, Benita 51; 1st ch New Brunswick 88; 3d ch Trenton 222 09. *Pby of Passaic*—Chatham Village ch 23; Wickliffe ch, mo con 13 09; 3d ch Newark, mo con 30 04, for Papal Europe 58 83 = 88 87; Westminster ch, Elizabeth 726 76; Lyons Farms ch 68; 1st ch Morristown, mo con 29 76; 1st ch Paterson 147. *Pby of Raritan*—Second Amwell ch 41 10, Sab-sch 17 = 58 10; 1st ch Lambertville Sab-sch 8; Clinton ch, Misses Union Miss'y Soc'y 180; Holland ch 22. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Orwell ch 17, Sab-sch 2 = 19; Monroeton ch 5; Wysox ch 10; Canton ch 28, Sab-sch 2 50 = 30 50; Rome ch 4; Barclay ch 18 02; Stephensville ch 11; Rushville ch 6. *Pby of West Jersey*—First ch Bridgeton 430; Absecon ch 5; Waterford ch 6; Blackwoodtown ch 75 4738 18

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Rye ch, mo con 14; Red Mills ch 13 48, Sab-sch 10 = 23 48; South Salem ch 133 25; 1st ch Hartford 30, Savings of little Annie Trumbull, dec'd 2 = 32; Gilead ch 12; South East ch 9 13, mo con 8 71 = 17 84; Bedford ch, annual coll 74 10, extra coll 85 10, Sab-sch 10 = 169 20; Thompsonville ch 40. *Pby of Hudson*—Youngville and Jeffersonville chs 10. *Pby of Long Island*—Middletown ch, Ridge Sab-sch 4 70; Fresh Pond ch 20; Islip ch 4; 1st ch Huntington 334 62; Southampton ch 42, mo con 55 75 = 97 75. *Pby of Nassau*—First ch Brooklyn, mo con 81 56; Astoria ch, mo con 20; Geneva ch 18 30; South Third St ch, Williamsburg, mo con 48 65; 2d ch Brooklyn 278 33; German ch, East Williamsburg 4. *Pby of New York*—First ch New York 250, for Naples 647 78, mo con 229 79, B S, premium on gold 500 = 1,627 57 Ebenezer ch, New York, for Saharanpur 154, Sab-sch, for Hangchow 3' = 180; Brich ch 4 019 54, mo con 96 63, Mr Taylor, for House in Brazil 100, Mission ch 11 26 = 4,227 42; University Place ch, mo con 15 10; West Twenty-third St ch Sab-sch 25; Chelsea ch 25 31; 1st ch Edgewater 46 95; Fortieth St ch 25 33; Nyack ch 16 65. *Pby of New York 2d*—Peckskill ch 129 50, mo con 18 06 = 147 56; Scotch ch, New York, Sab-sch 110; Inwood ch 200. *Pby of North River*—Calvary ch, Newburgh 40 8,090 97

Note.—Amity ch 76 54 last month, should be Ainsley St ch.

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordsville*—Terra Haute ch 87 80; Green Castle ch 25 02, Sab-sch 4 20 = 29 22; Bethel ch 6 10; Union ch 6; Darlington ch 6 35. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—Albion ch 10; Hopewell ch 4, Sab-sch 3 = 7; Bluffton ch 3 65; New Lancaster ch 4 20; Fort Wayne ch 134 94; 2d ch Wabash 17; Pleasant Ridge ch 10; Elizabethtown Sab-sch 2; Pierceton ch 5 40, Sab-sch 3 50 = 9; Eel River ch 5 90. *Pby of Lake*—First ch Goshen 45; Constantine ch

5; Valparaiso ch, Mrs Carrie E Wilcox, for China 5; 1st ch Laporte 12. *Pby of Logansport*—Monticello ch 5, Sab-sch 10 = 10; Sugar Creek ch 8 05; Bethlehem ch 6. *Pby of Muncie*—Selina ch 5; 1st ch Muncie Sab-sch 60 93; 7th ch Indianapolis Sab-sch Infant class 11; Hartford ch 1 55; Tipton ch 6 514 14

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Columbus*—Blendon Sab-sch 20. *Pby of Hocking*—Barlow ch 5; Decatur ch 2 30; Portsmouth German ch 5. *Pby of Marion*—First ch Eburyus 6 75; Milford Centre ch 7 50; Marysville ch 10; Marion ch 15. *Pby of Richland*—Haysville ch 33 75; McKay ch 5; Ontario ch, for China 6 55; Shelby ch 31 45; Vermillion Institute 13 05; Lexington Sab-sch 13. *Pby of Wooster*—Dalton ch, to educate youth in China 60; Canal Fulton ch 17 90; Berlin ch 7; East Hopewell ch 21 90, Sab-sch 4 10 = 26. *Pby of Zanesville*—Salt Creek ch 85; Mt Zion ch 22 75; Cambridge ch 100; Salem German ch 14 84 566 14

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Benicia*—First ch San Francisco, mo con 56 25; Central ch, San Francisco 60; Healdsburg ch 13 75. *Pby of Oregon*—Portland ch 121 89 251 80

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Strasburg ch, add'l 10; Slate Ridge ch 34, Sab-sch 2; Bertha M Parke 1, Mary G Parke 75 cts = 37 75. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Shade Gap Sab-sch 2 55; Clearfield Sab-sch 19 20; Hollidaysburg ch 20; Tyrone ch 42 35, Sab-sch 4 = 46 35; 1st ch Bellefonte 203 25; Shaver's Manor Hill cong'n 18; Paxton and Yellow Creek chs 21; Lower Tuscarora ch; Gap Sab-sch 9 31; Mirroy ch 106. *Pby of New Castle*—Port Deposit ch 35 83; Oxford ch 157, Sab-sch 35 = 192; Newark ch 9 17, Sab-sch 12 26 = 21 40; Green Hill ch 9; Sab-sch 47 = 56; Central ch, Downingtown 15 65; 1st ch Wilmington, for Chinese Mission in Cal 7; Forks of Brandywine ch, add'l 68 50; Upper Octotropa add'l ch 6 45. *Pby of Northumberland*—Williamsport ch, add'l 100; Shamokin ch 105 07, Sab-sch 40 20 = 154 27; Great Island ch 121. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Woodland ch 258 45; Mariner's ch Sab-sch 1 50; Tenth ch Phila, mo coll 47 14. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—West Arch St ch, Phila, a member 5; 2d ch Phila, a member 100, Sab-sch 50 = 150; Kensington ch, add'l 23, Sab-sch 55, to con Miss Annie Dale Life member = 80. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Bensalem ch 11 70; Newportville Sab-sch 14 48; Roxboro' ch 30; Cataqua ch 36; 1st ch Germantown 656; Abington ch, mo coll 18; Neshaminy ch, add'l 2 00; Pottstown ch 24 50 2,606 28

SYNOD OF PITTSBURG.—*Pby of Blairsville*—Black Lick ch 18 70; Salem ch 38 41. *Pby of Clarion*—Ferry ch 15, for Cheftoo Chapel 20 = 35; Clarion ch, for Cheftoo 10; Mt Tabor ch, for Cheftoo 17; Beechwood ch, for Cheftoo 7; Callensburg ch 22; Concord ch 24; Middle Creek ch 9 22; Bethesda ch 15 76. *Pby of Ohio*—Shady Side ch 17 10; 1st ch Pittsburgh 801 63; Central ch, Pittsburgh, add'l 96 04; Monongahela City ch 60 60; Mt Washington ch 8; 2d ch Pittsburgh Sab-sch 41 65; Raccoon ch 122, Sab-sch 41 = 163; 4th ch Pittsburgh 83 25. *Pby of Redstone*—Mt Pleasant ch 76 86; West Newton ch 30; 1st ch McKeepsport 20 30; Round Hill ch 76 25; Laurel Hill ch 50 83. *Pby of Saltsburg*—Parnassus ch 24 57; Plum Creek ch 39; Bethel and Jacksonville chs 20 1,963 26

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—Caledonia ch 12; La Crosse Sab-sch 3 25. *Pby of St Paul*—Greenleaf Sab-sch 3; Andrew ch, St Anthony 35 63; 1st ch, Rockford 8 30; St Cloud ch 7. *Pby of S Minnesota*—First ch, Lake City 16 25; South Rushford ch 1; Eyota ch 1; Jamestown ch 1; Utica ch 1; Wasecado ch 1; Okamon ch 1; 1st ch Austin 2 50 93 93

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Findlay*—Central ch, Lima 33; 1st ch, Lima, Sab-sch class No 8 1. *Pby of Maumee*—Hicksville ch 5 20. *Pby of Michigan*—Westminster ch, Detroit 123 22 162 42

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—Chariton ch 13 55, Sab-sch 10 = 23 55. *Pby of Fairfield*—Shiloh ch, John Hopkirk 2; Troy ch 8 65. Jas H Beck 5 = 13 65; Crawfordville ch 40, Wm Brown 10 = 50; Sigourney Sab-sch 3 50; Kirkville ch 8 20. *Pby of Iowa*—Des Moines ch

57 75; Unity ch 5; Round Ground ch 19, Sab-sch 6 = 25; Middletown ch 15. *Pby of Missouri River*—Brownsville ch 50; 1st ch, Nebraska City 30 96; Bellevue ch 10; Sioux City ch 6 300 61

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Concord ch 3 67; Long Run ch 21 80; East Liverpool ch 15. *Pby of Steubenville*—New Hagers town ch 61; Fairmount ch 12; Beech Spring ch 47; Bloomfield ch 29, Sab-sch 26 54. Thos Vermillion's family thank-offering 75 cts, Willie Hervey's Missy Box 2 26. Willie Cookson's Missy Box 71 cts, Willie Armstrong's Missy Box 1 81 = 61 07; Richmond ch 9 20; Centre Unity ch 8; Wellsville ch 34, Sab-sch 14 60 = 48 60; Deersville ch 12; Cross Creek ch 15; Pleasant Hill ch 20, Sab-sch 15 = 35; New Philadelphia ch 15; Still Fork ch 12. *Pby of St Clairsville*—Mt Pleasant ch 64 95; Crab Apple ch 66; Bealsville ch 14 12; Pownall ch 9 68; St Clairsville ch 80. *Pby of Washington*—Holliday's Cove ch 21; West Liberty ch 58 25; Forks of Wheeling ch 305, Sab-sch 15 = 320; Fairview ch 15 60; Upper Ten Mile ch 23 10; 1st ch, Wheeling 87; Lower Buffalo ch 17; Pine Grove ch 3; Wellsburg ch 10 78; West Alexander ch 171 60, mo con 11, Sab-sch 17 = 199 60. *Pby of West Virginia*—Kingwood ch 6; Portland ch 10, George and Willie 2 = 12; Fairmount ch 10, Sab-sch 6 50 = 16 50; Grafton ch 7 50 1,408 37

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Verona Sab-sch 6 63; Blue Mounds ch 6 12, A Lady 5 = 11 12. *Pby of Milwaukee*—North ch, Milwaukee, add'l, 10. *Pby of Winnebago*—First ch, Neenah 16 69; Winneconne ch 6 50 44

Total receipts from churches, \$32,669 14

LEGACIES.—Legacy of Eleanor G Scott, dec'd, Baltimore 52 48; Legacy of Alexander Cameron, dec'd, Pittsburgh, less tax 470; Legacy of Walter Lowrie, dec'd, New York 1,000; Legacy of Mrs Mary Cotterall, dec'd, Fox Chase, Pa, less tax 1,013 71; Patterson Estate, Ohio 11 34 \$2,547 53

MISCELLANEOUS.—A Friend 3; Chas M Hamilton, Auburn, Mo 10; Thos F Day, a tenth of first earnings 13; Outsiders and Insiders of Columbus Grove 7; A C and Maria Gilchrist 3; A Lady 30 cts; Rochester, N Y 31; Mrs Louisa J Bruen 500; Miss Mary M 2; Dr A Chapman 10; Rev R Taylor, D.D 20; Isaac Smith 1; Mrs L B Crittenden, Andrew Chapel, Tenn 5; A T Williams, Washington, Ohio 1,000; Mina and Mary 50 cts; Bequest of little Meta Ruth Brendle, dec'd, 2 05; Mrs Elizabeth Hudson 1; Joshua C Miner, Somerville, N J 2; Mrs W, gold coupons 93; Freeman and Dorcas Gould 20; Eliza Hills, Windham, N H 20; Dr E C Wines 5; Mrs Caroline Course 10; Ida, Willie and Laura 1; Gen'l L Loomis 5; Richard R Tyers 50; Mrs Sarah E Bird 1; Miss P Phila 50; Mrs Catherine Kinsey, Delaware Co, Pa 5; J B Brown, Conshohocken, Pa 5; J P Jones Esq, Portland, W, Va 92; Dying gift of Mrs S B Nickem, Mercer Co, Pa 25; Rev J F Boyd and wife for China 35; Mrs P G McJunkin, New Texas, Pa 2 2,029 85

Total Receipts in February 1869, \$37,246 52

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BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

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An Important Field.

A prominent pastor in one of our large cities, after expressing his thanks for a donation of hymn books and catechisms, which the Board had granted to a mission school in his care, makes the following suggestive remarks:

"I take the opportunity, also, of expressing the gratification I feel in witnessing the successful efforts you are making to introduce a sound gospel literature into the families of this city by colportage. None but those who have made house to house visitations of blocks, omitting none, can know the sort of godless, infidel trash which forms the mental food of two-thirds of our citizens. Though living in a city where all Christian books are easily obtainable, yet they are ignorant of even the names of the Christian classics. I have found men who could from memory give the number, magnitude, distances, satellites, periods of revolution and rotation of the members of the solar system, who had not a religious book in their families, and who never thought of the worship of the God who made the heavens. If I could impress upon the minds of your colporteurs the necessity of visiting every house in the city, and leaving, either by sale or donation, some living gospel tract or book, I would do so in the words of our Lord, 'They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick.' By all means make the Board of Publication an aggressive evangelistic agency, and Christ will own and bless it more and more."

The esteemed and learned brother, from whose letter we have thus quoted, has in his concluding sentence most happily expressed the nature of one important branch of the work which we desire to carry on. We wish to make the Board of Publication "*an aggressive evangelistic agency.*" While providing a sound and interesting literature for the members of our Church and their children, by which they may be thoroughly built up in the faith once delivered to the saints, our aim is also to send tracts and books to houses whose inmates neglect the church of God. Multitudes will not come to our depository to buy religious works; we must carry books to their homes in order to induce them to read. Christians should not permit the children of this world, and the propagators of error, to be wiser than they. Business men scatter broadcast almanacs and circulars

in which the merits of their wares are extolled. We have seen it stated that the Roman Catholic Publication Society last year circulated 4,000,000 tracts. The Unitarians have lately seen the necessity of making a similar aggressive warfare. The Universalist Publishing House has just issued a tract in defamation of the orthodox doctrine, and its adherents are called upon to circulate at least 100,000 copies of it within the next six months. Ought we not to excel all these classes in the earnestness of our efforts, and strive more than ever to evangelize the masses through the instrumentality of gospel truth?

We have just met with two statements, which show the influence such efforts may have on the rejectors of our religion. First, this paragraph in a newspaper attracted our attention:—"Dr. Nelson says, that for many years he had tried to persuade every infidel to read some work on the evidences of Christianity, and he never knew but two instances fail of conviction, and in these he did not know the result from want of opportunity."

Secondly, one of our colporteurs gives the following among the incidents of his work:—"I have several times met and conversed with a man who had been reading, and trying to believe, *Tom Paine*. I recently sold him "*Alexander's Sermons and Thoughts on Religion*," and now I have sold him a testament and Psalms in large type, and a hymn book. He is well pleased with his purchase, has given up *Tom Paine*, and seems to be a new man in Christ Jesus."

We desire more and more to reach such cases. Many of them are astray through sheer ignorance. "They are ignorant of even the names of the Christian classics." They have not the Bible which they ostentatiously profess to reject. They do not know the truths which it teaches, though they may be comparatively wise in secular sciences. They have been misinformed, and their minds perverted by misrepresentation. They need light. And as they will not come to it, it should be taken to them. We wish to send the living voice of the colporteur, and with him tracts and books which he may leave behind him to speak to such error-enslaved souls. But our ability to do this depends upon the liberality of our people. Will they not give us that ability in a greater degree than we have ever had it, by pouring donations into our Colportage and Distribution Fund?

Testimony from the Pacific Coast.

The Rev. Charles Wadsworth, pastor of Calvary Church in San Francisco, recently preached a discourse on the text, "Give attendance to reading," 1 Tim. iv. 13, in which, after an explanation of the text, &c., he contrasted the literature of the past with that of the present age. He warmly recommended the publications of our Board of Publication as good and *wholly* good. He spoke of them as suited to the wants of every family, in their great variety, and as especially suited to the wants of that

new and growing country—the Pacific coast, and urged that they ought to be circulated by pastors, colporteurs, and private Christians. Taking his closing illustration from a recent terrible visitation of the small pox to the city, he said that “all shrank from the sight of the yellow flag which was seen in so many streets, but the yellow covered literature was far more destructive to San Francisco than the pestilence, and to this soul-destroying literature the volumes of the Board came as a disinfectant. If Presbyterians did not give liberally of their means that they might be extensively circulated, they sinned against God and their own souls.” A liberal collection in aid of the Board’s Colportage work was then taken.

We are glad to state that a good assortment of the Board’s publications is kept for sale in San Francisco by H. H. Bancroft & Co.

Colportage Work.

When sending his report, a ministerial colporteur in Minnesota writes as follows:

“The people generally are pleased with the books of our Board, and none complain of the price. The only thing in the way of my selling my whole stock is the want of money. ‘Children in Heaven,’ and ‘Pilgrim’s Progress’ are universally admired.

“My visits were generally in the country, and I found several families destitute of reading matter. One woman had not heard the preaching of the gospel for twelve or thirteen years. She thankfully received all the tracts I could give her, and promised to come out to our Sabbath-school at the school-house in the country.”

Another in Nebraska says:

“I have been to P—— C——. I went by one road and came back by another, visiting every house I could get to. I made thorough work of it. Money was so exceedingly scarce that I sold but few books. But, as opportunity offered, I had religious conversation and prayer with the people. I had precious times with some who felt the need of a word in season. In one house a man was found sick with typhoid fever. His wife looked pale and feeble, and told me she was just recovering from the same disease. I gave her some tracts, and asked her if I should pray with and for them. She very readily assented, and we knelt together at the bedside of the sick husband. It was a solemn season. The man, perhaps, was near his end. They both seemed very grateful and much in earnest.

“The books are well received, and are often highly prized. They are doing a good work here, which eternity alone can fully reveal. The tracts, also, are accomplishing great good. The Christian, the sick, the afflicted, the swearer, the drunkard, the gambler, the young, the old—all get their portion in due season. I trust I shall soon be able to engage more actively in this good work.”

The Annual Collection for the Board of Publication.

The time fixed by the General Assembly for the Annual Collection in the churches to the Colportage and Distribution Fund of the Board of Publication is the *first Sabbath in May*, now close at hand. The urgent necessities of some of the other Boards have prevented us for some time from pressing our claims upon the churches, but we hope that, on that day, the Board of Publication will not be forgotten.

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Give, and It shall be Given Unto You.

A brother in Illinois sends us the following striking illustrations of the fulfillment of the above promise. He says,

When we circulated our first subscription paper, one brother subscribed one hundred dollars; that he thought was all he could do, as his capital was small and he was only doing a very moderate business. When we had gone all over the church, we found we had only eighteen hundred dollars subscribed, and with that amount the trustees would not begin to build. One of the trustees and I went to this brother and told him that we thought it would be necessary for each of the members to double, and perhaps treble his subscription, and that we wanted him to increase his subscription to two hundred and fifty dollars. This amount appeared to him exceedingly large, but, after talking the matter over for a time, he agreed to do so, and accordingly increased his subscription to two hundred and fifty dollars, and in less than two months, unsolicited he paid fifty dollars additional, making his subscription three hundred dollars. Some time after, when talking with him about the wonderful doings of the Lord, he assigned as a reason for giving this last fifty dollars, that the Lord had given it to him when he was not expecting it, and from an unexpected quarter. Since that time this good brother gave one hundred dollars, making in all four hundred dollars which he has paid on the church building.

A few days ago standing within the building admiring it, he said to me, "I have got a new idea that has been running in my head for the last two weeks. I was just thinking that the money which we gave to build this church, we did not give at all. We have got it all yet, and we can leave it a legacy to our children. It is in a shape that they can never squander it, and it will be doing them good as long as they live here, and it will do others good also."

This good brother is one of my elders.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION IN FEBRUARY, 1869.

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<i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Zion ch Ger	8 00	<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Holmansville ch	3 09
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Paterson ch Ger	3 00	<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> 2d—Neshaminy ch, add'l 2; Chesnut Hill ch, special 400	402 00
<i>Pby of Warren</i> —John Knox ch	15 03	<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Middletown 2d ch, special 73; Milford ch from Theo H Smith 2; Scotchtown ch 4	79 00
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<i>Pby of White Water</i> —Dunlapsville ch	3 25		
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Pleasant Valley ch 10; Ebenezer ch 10; Corinth ch 11; Middlesex ch 10	41 05		
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Plumville ch 6; Smicksburg ch 2 50	8 50		

FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS,

AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

The following amounts have been received since last report, viz:

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Gloversville ch	\$10 00	<i>Pby of New York</i> —Nyack ch	\$8 03
<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Sandy Hill ch	5 00	<i>Pby of New York</i> 2d—Sing Sing ch	100 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Pleasant Valley ch 10; Ebenezer ch 10; Union ch 5	25 00	<i>Pby of Crawfordsville</i> —Thorntown 1st ch	25 00
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Churchville ch 16; Baltimore 1st ch 100	116 00	<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Coatsville ch	21 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Big Spring ch 37 92; Dickinson ch 13; Wells Valley ch 2 50; Green Hill ch 2 50; McConnelsburg ch 5; Lower Path Valley ch 25; Burnt Cabins ch 10; Mouth of Juniata ch 5 00	101 92	<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Jersey Shore ch 30; Shamokin town ch 46 38; Great Island ch 30	106 38
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Warren ch	18 65	<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Murraysville ch	22 49
<i>Pby of Levees</i> —Manokin ch	20 00	<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Mill Creek ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Bridge St Georgetown ch	24 08	<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —A member of 2d ch 50; Ninth ch 58; Tenth ch 263; Hon W A Porter of do 100; Mrs Biddle of do 50; W A Ingham of do 25	546 00
<i>Pby of Rochester City</i> —Phelps 1st ch	20 00	<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> 2d—Easton 1st ch	50 00
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Rock Island ch	10 00	<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Central ch	6 00
<i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Zion Ger ch	3 00	<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Plumville ch 3 25; Smixburg ch 4 65	7 90
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Galena South ch	45 72	<i>Pby of S Minnesota</i> —South Rushford ch 1; Owatonna ch 1; Eyota ch 1; Plainview ch 1; Utica ch 1; Janesville ch 1; Okamon ch 1; Waseca ch 1; Lake City ch 1	9 00
<i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Westminster ch	4 00	<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Nebraska City 1st ch	20 00
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Washington ch	100 00	<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Deerfield ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Hamilton ch 16 50; Venice ch 20	36 50	<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Wheeling 1st ch, add'l.	5 00
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Lewistown ch	52 20	<i>Pby of West Virginia</i> —Kingwood ch 8; Kanawha ch 10	18 00
<i>Pby of Vincennes</i> —Indiana ch	10 03	<i>Pby of New Orleans</i> —German ch	5 00
<i>Pby of White Water</i> —Dunlapsville ch 2; Centre ville ch 2	4 00	<i>Pby of Frankville</i> —Chester ch	1 00
<i>Pby of Ebenezer</i> —Burlington ch	15 00	<i>Pby of California</i> —San Francisco ch	140 00
<i>Pby of Louisville</i> —Shelbyville ch	9 00		
<i>Pby of Palmyra</i> —Hannibal 1st ch 30; Shelbyville ch 3; Clarence ch 1	34 00		
<i>Pby of Potosi</i> —Ironton ch	1 55		
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Elizabeth 1st ch 178 64; New Vernon ch 2; 80	202 44		
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Weatherly ch 3; Tamaqua ch 8; Port Carbon ch 15	26 00		
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Toms River ch 10 25; Hol mansville ch 2	12 25		
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Harmony ch 25; Mansfield 1st ch 11; Hackettstown ch 51; Stillwater ch 10; Swartswood ch 4	101 00		
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Elizabeth 2d ch 83; Paterson Ger ch 2	85 00		
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Trenton 3d ch 51 54; Hightstown ch 20; Pennington ch, add'l. 10	81 54		
<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —Amwell 1st ch	9 20		
<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Rome ch 2; Stevensville ch 1	3 00		
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Bridgeton 2d ch	8 01		
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Red Mills ch	5 00		

The Rev. George Hale, D.D., having accepted the office of Secretary of the Committee, has entered on his duties. Letters relating to the Disabled Ministers' Fund should be sent to his office, No. 320 Walnut Street, Philadelphia. Private correspondents may, for the present, address him at No. 202 South Eleventh Street.

GEO. H. VAN GELDER,
Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly,
Office, No. 320 Walnut Street.
Philadelphia, March 5th, 1869.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

Rev. S. C. LOGAN, Corresponding Secretary, DAVID ROBINSON, Esq., Treasurer, Box 224, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Wm. MAIN, Esq., Receiving Agent, 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

How the Missionaries Do.

We have not a Missionary in the field who does not seem earnest and zealous. The larger number are fully alive to the necessity of teaching the Freedmen to rely upon themselves and support their own schools even with sacrifice. This spirit of self-sacrifice for the Lord's sake is not inculcated by precept simply, but enforced by example. It is interesting indeed to read the accounts given in the monthly reports of the various plans used to lead the people to sustain the work.

One of the ministers in North Carolina, after stating that the people of his congregations had subscribed more than two hundred dollars in support of the work of the Committee and for the Boards, writes as follows: "The people here had a pleasant Christmas party. As innocent and pleasant as you ever saw. They raised at it twenty-five dollars to pay for a stove and pipe for the church. One of our elders has subscribed seven dollars for my support, and he will pay it. I do not know just how much the rest have subscribed, but they will do the best they can. I am obliged to say, that with all the deprivation, abuse, and close living we have endured—for we have lived for months almost entirely upon corn bread, potatoes, and molasses—we are poorer than when we came South. We feel discouraged sometimes, especially when we think of our boys being brought up and educated here. But we have promised these people not to desert them, as they have been told time and again we would."

Dear brother, no one can for a moment suspect that you will gain anything for this world in such a work. But there is untold wealth in store for those who sacrifice home and kindred, houses and lands, for the kingdom of God's sake. Jesus has promised it. But you are not alone in this service.

Here is a note from a widow: "Dear Sir, When can you come to see how my school improves? What a change has taken place since you were here. If I could I would pay your expenses both ways. I have just done something, and I don't know whether it was right or not. I wanted some desks and lamps for the church, and did not see how we could get them. At last I thought I might have something in the shape of a fair, so I went to work—bought cloth and made good useful articles, baked cakes, etc., and held my fair in the church on the 26th, and sold over thirty dollars' worth. Next week we will have the desks made. Then the lamps will be hung, and make things look nice and snug when our minister returns. I admit I feel very sad sometimes, but your letter of commiseration made me laugh. My school is so pleasant, and the people seem so truly grateful to me, it makes up for all the privations I am called to endure. Just so long as I can see that I am useful I can stay cheerfully, but whenever I fear I am not doing enough then I don't want to be here."

Then one more. This is from an orphan girl who has stood at her post for more than three years. She says:—"I see by the last *Record* that a catechist is waiting for a commission. Last year I supported a pupil for several months here, with the hope that he might be useful to his race. I have been disappointed in him in many respects, yet my labour may not prove in vain. I now propose that you deduct ten dollars a month, for three months, from my salary, to pay that catechist, so that he may be doing good to his fellow-men. It seems to me that Christians are not alive to the great work of enlightening the African race and thus spreading the gospel eventually in their native land."

These are but specimens of the spirit manifested by the missionaries among the freedmen. They are a noble band of workers in the Lord's vineyard. Will not the Church give the Committee the ability to increase their number? They deserve the prayers and sympathies of the whole Church. Can they not have these?

This is but a specimen, taken at random, of the whole field. God graciously

gives success to our efforts to plant the Church among these poor freedmen, and every church organized, and every sinner added to the fold, increases the demand for increased labour and sacrifice, in order that our work shall not be in vain in the Lord. Yet in the face of this success, this answer to the prayer of the Church, "Thy kingdom come," the churches are sending in their contributions cut down one-third and one-half from last year. Who will remove the shame of the Church in the day when she refused to sustain the effort to give the gospel to the poor. Shall the Week of Prayer for the conversion of the world be dark with clouds made by our worldliness? Shall we be met at the mercy-seat with the startling rebuke, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me!"

DONATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN IN FEBRUARY, 1869.

<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Ebenezer ch 8; Sunbury ch 13 30	\$21 30	<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Galena ch	\$21 75
<i>Pby of Atlantic</i> —James Island ch and sch 7 50; St Andrew's ch and sch 6 80; Wilmington sch 12 55; Charleston sch 22 50; Good-Will sch 7 40; Ebenezer sch 50 cts	57 25	<i>Pby of St Paul</i> —Second ch, Stillwater	2 00
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —First ch, Baltimore	400 00	<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —First ch, Indiana 100; Centre ch 5 60	105 60
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Mahoning ch by D L D 5; Beulah ch 15 35; Livermore ch 16 63; New Castle ch 75 70	112 68	<i>Pby of St Louis</i> —Kirkwood ch	25 05
<i>Pby of Buffalo City</i> —East Aurora ch	5 09	<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Wabash ch	2 53
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —First ch, Rock Island	10 00	<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Rushsylvania ch	2 50
<i>Pby of Burlington</i> —First ch, Burlington	25 00	<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Ridge ch 6 50; Annapolis ch 3	14 50
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Mouth of Juniata ch	3 00	<i>Pby of S Minnesota</i> —Newton ch	2 50
<i>Pby of Catawba</i> —Gold Hill Coloured sch 2 25; Lexington Coloured ch and sch 10 35; Mebaneville Coloured ch and sch 9; Franklinton Coloured sch 3; Poplar Tent Coloured sch 11 90; Greensboro Coloured sch 6 25; Charlotte Coloured sch 24 65; Louisburg Coloured sch 15; Bethpage Coloured sch 4; Mocksville Coloured sch 1 25; Mt Vernon Coloured ch 1 40; Salisbury Coloured sch 2 50; Concord Coloured sch 4	95 55	<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Stevensville ch 4; Rushville ch 3; Roine ch 3	10 00
<i>Pby of Crawfordsville</i> —Bethel ch 4; 1st ch, Thorn-town 11 21	15 21	<i>Pby of White Water</i> —Cambridge City ch	2 50
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Red Mills ch	5 00	<i>Pby of Winnebago</i> —Depere ch	15 00
<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —First ch, Lancaster	10 00	<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Second ch, Bridgeton	16 52
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Greenfield ch	13 00	<i>Pby of Warren</i> —Monmouth ch	42 80
<i>Pby of Des Moines</i> —Chariton ch	6 85	<i>Pby of Washington</i> —West Liberty ch	8 30
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Slate Ridge ch	15 11	<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Buffalo ch	13 55
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —1st ch Mercer, a member, 15; Warren ch 18 67	33 67	<i>Pby of Knox</i> —Midway Macedonia Coloured sch 25; Macon Coloured sch 40	65 00
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —New Vernon ch	19 25	Total amount rec'd from Churches	\$1,771 63
<i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Birmingham ch	16 05		
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —First ch, Fort Wayne	41 58		
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Central ch, Genesee 20 00			
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Huntingdon ch 99 30; Ben-lah ch 14 69	113 39		
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Middletown ch 8; New London ch 9; Mt Pleasant ch 19 78; Round Grove ch and Sub-sch 10	46 78		
<i>Pby of Kaskaskia</i> —Hillsboro ch 6 15; Butler ch 22 83	28 95		
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Tamaqua ch	8 00		
<i>Pby of Lafayette</i> —Knob Noster ch 2; Sugar Creek ch 5 15	7 15		
<i>Pby of Londonderry</i> —First ch, Boston	50 50		
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Holmansville ch	4 00		
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Stewartsville ch	50 83		
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Coatsville ch	16 00		
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Mouongahela City ch 17 70; Lawrenceville ch 45 28	62 98		
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Lewistown ch	52 20		
<i>Pby of Pennsylvania</i> —Kirksville ch 5; 1st ch Hannibal 22; Shelbyville ch 3; Clarence ch 1	31 00		
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Coloured ch, Bridge St, Washington	14 25		
<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —First ch, Amwell	10 00		

The Committee acknowledge the following donations:—

- 1 box from the ladies of the 1st Pres ch, Pittsburgh, valued at 218 27
- 1 box from Pres ch, Manch Chunk, not valued.
- 1 box from Pres ch, Anderson's Mills (Rev J R Coulter) not valued.
- 5 boxes of clothing from ladies of Scranton Pres ch, valued, with freight 1,000 00
- 2 boxes from Greencastle, Pa, friends of Mrs Agnew, valued at 80 0
- Books and cards from A S S U, for Columbia, Tenn. valued at 50 00
- 1 box of clothing from Spring Garden Pres ch, Phila, not valued.

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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Look Here!

A venerable elder said a few days since, "I once was in the habit of spending a dime a day for segars; but now confine myself to a dime's worth of tobacco a week, for my pipe." Quite a change for the better.

But still, here is five dollars and twenty cents a year, worse than uselessly thrown away. And mark ye! it is done as upon a plan of systematic benevolence. How many thousands through all the Church are doing much in the same way? Some by one useless or offensive habit, and some by another. One chews and another smokes; one spoils a beloved child with candies and toys to excess; and another by vain trappings, &c. &c. But my object is to speak of the *power of littles*. Hear the voice of the Spirit of God: "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him," &c., as a sacred proportion for the kingdom of Jesus.

Who does it? How rare the instance! The annual contribution of the church of the good elder, recently made to the Board of Domestic Missions, is just *five dollars*; twenty cents

less than he alone spends for the fumes of his pipe.

In what is the sacrifice; or where is the system of careful giving unto the Lord? This too is in a church, for years resting on this same Board of Missions. We can't see the Christian magnanimity here.

Nor is this a rare instance. It is feared there are many churches now piteously crying for aid from the funds of the Church, just because some of their elders and members must spend five, or ten, or even twenty dollars a year for tobacco, or in some other useless way. And just so—many strong churches give but trifling sums to our Boards for the same kind of reason.

Where shall retrenchments commence? At the house of God? or in ceasing to do evil, and in learning to do well? Near the same time we found another elder, manfully battling with the unnatural cravings for his pipe or quid; having just solemnly resolved to be free from so loathsome a habit. My brother, go and do likewise. If only the *littles*, worse than uselessly squandered, by the true people of God even, in practices admitted to be evil, were turned into the treasury of the Lord,

how would the interests of Zion prosper and multitudes upon multitudes sing for joy.

What a mighty reformation is yet to be wrought in the Church herself, in ceasing to connive at little sins; and in taking up the little foxes that spoil the tender grapes!

A MISSIONARY.

Report from Kansas.

Dear Brother,—In accordance with a rule of the Board, I report that I have been in the regular discharge of my duties to the Presbyterian church of this city.

The extreme severity of the winter has been a serious hindrance to our work, as it prevented many from a regular attendance; yet the congregation has gradually increased, and is now larger than any in the city. Our Sabbath-school, about forty when I came, is now one hundred and fifteen in number.

The Spirit of God has been in our midst and given us souls for Christ, but without any special manifestation. The great obstacle in this region is the apostacy of persons leaving churches at the East and concealing their membership when they move to the West. Lost sheep of all the branches of the Presbyterian family are to be gathered up and brought back. We have Reformed Presbyterians, United and Cumberland, with Old and New School, all working in harmony and practically proving that union of our ecclesiastical family is possible.

I found a membership of fifty-one, which has been increased to seventy-nine, of whom five are by profession; and there are three others awaiting an opportunity to present themselves.

We have paid a debt of fifteen hundred dollars, which has long been an incubus upon the church. I find about two hundred dollars additional, which we hope to raise soon.

Time, patience, and labour, with the blessing of God, will correct these irregularities. An application to the

Board of Publication has brought about forty dollars worth of tracts, selected with special reference to current errors of faith and practice, to my hand. With these excellent helps I hope to harmonize and draw together the scattered Presbyterian foree.

While we feel encouraged, we have need of wisdom and prudence, such as only the Holy Spirit can give. We need the prayers of God's people, with the benefactions given by our Board, for which we are thankful, and which, it is hoped, will prove wisely granted. In haste, Fraternally yours, E. C.

Report from Mississippi.

Dear Brother,—The renewed commission is just received, many thanks to you and the good brethren of the Board. It comes like an angel of mercy to your humble missionary away down here. We have been reduced to the extremity of living on sweet potatoes alone for some time past. We have no money, and can get none. Our people are all poor, dependent upon their daily labour for their support. But for many months there has been almost no money in circulation in this section, and where there is no money in circulation it is impossible, of course, for labouring people to get any, even when they toil honestly and faithfully. However, we hope times will be a little better as soon as the present crop goes to market. The crop is quite short, and can't relieve us entirely.

In the meantime, however, I have been doing what I can to direct all classes to seek that bread that cometh down from above, as well as the riches that perish not with the using. O, my brother, if we could only get this awful political quarrel settled, so that the minds of our people could settle down to business, morality, and religion, what a blessing it would prove to us in the South. May God hasten the dawning of a better, happier day upon our too long distracted land.

We are thankful to you for what you have done for us, and pray God that he will abundantly bless and reward you and the Board, and that he would open the heart and hand of the Church, and cause your treasury to fill and overflow with means to enable you to help our poor struggling missionaries and churches.

Remember us in your prayers.

Yours in the Lord,
W. H. R.

Reports from Iowa.

Rev. and Dear Sir:—As the twelve months of my commission on this field has expired, and I am about to make my last quarterly report, I will recapitulate the labours of the year. Although my commission only embraced two churches, Shilo and Central, I have also laboured with the church of Shelsburg and two other statons, making five appointments in my field. These appointments were filled every two weeks except Shilo, which had one sermon every Sabbath. We completed one church at Shilo, and dedicated it in May, and built one entire at Central, and dedicated it in December, 1868.

Our increase in membership on the field has been forty members, a goodly number of these were from the world, and admitted by profession of faith and baptism, so that we have reached the outer world on this field, and the work is in a prosperous condition. We hope to build a church house in Shelsburg the coming year.

This report closes my term of commission. God has generously spared me through the year, and to some extent has blessed my labours, for which I am truly grateful.

Yours fraternally in the gospel of Christ.

A. C.

Self-Sustaining.

Dear Brother,—My year closed on the 20th ult., and it is to be the termination of my connection with the Board, at

present at least. Our people have concluded to try to stand alone, and I rejoice that they have so determined. It will cost them some effort, but they will be the better for it, if made in the right spirit.

I cannot take leave of the Board without expressing my gratitude to God for the uniform kindness of all the officers with whom I have had to do, and for the very great help afforded by the Board in my work. I have been in commission eleven years, seven while at M—, and four in this field. Humanly judging, our cause, in both fields, could never have succeeded but for the aid received from the Board. Now both are self-supporting, having good houses of worship and good congregations. May the Lord give you great wisdom, and the churches the spirit of liberality according to their means, and the wants of vast fields.

Very sincerely, yours in Christ,
J. C. B.

Report from Ohio.

Rev. and Dear Sir:—Another year of missionary labour has closed. A kind Providence has spared me and permitted me to fulfil all my appointments.

This missionary field is becoming every year more important. As I have stated in a former report, extensive iron works have been established, and a rapidly growing village has sprung up, within a mile and a half of Chestnut Grove Church. As is usual, in such cases, the population is mixed—some good and some bad. They are mostly foreigners.

I have preached in this place, HUnterville, and given the people all the attention in my power, consistent with other claims. This whole region requires more labour than my state of health will permit me to give it. The labours of the winter, with the roads I have to travel, in the state in which they usually are at this season, are too much for my health.

God in his infinite mercy has spared and enabled me to labour through another winter. And although I have not been permitted to reap, I have en-

deavoured to sow and pray for the Spirit. Oh, that He would come as the rain in his season.

Respectfully and affectionately.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN MARCH, 1869.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Albany 2d ch 383 98; Windsor ch 20 \$403 98

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Leesburg ch 14; Mindy Creek ch 16. *Pby of Allegheny City*—Valley ch 18 48 00

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Carlisle*—Centre ch 15. *Pby of Catawba*—From chs under the care of Rev S C Alexander 5. *Pby of Potowmack*—New York Avenue ch, Washington, D C 40 97 60 97

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Chicago*—St Anne 2d ch 6 25. *Pby of Rock River*—Foreston Ger ch 27; Ogle ch 7. *Pby of Schuyler*—Macomb ch 48, of which 2 50 from the Sab-sch 86 25

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Sidney*—Zanesfield ch 3 50

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Chenoa ch 10 75. *Pby of Peoria*—Henry ch 44 23; Farmington ch, balance 10 65 00

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Indianapolis*—Union ch 12 25. *Pby of Madison*—Madison 1st ch 162 69. *Pby of White Water*—Richmond 1st ch 30; Greensburgh ch 64 42 269 36

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Fort Dodge*—Unity ch 8 00

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Highland*—Highland ch 5 50

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Louisville*—Olivet ch 5. *Pby of Transylvania*—Columbia ch 23 05; Ebenezer ch 14 90. *Pby of West Lexington*—Lexington 2d ch 712 754 95

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Potosi*—Apple Creek ch 8; Pleasant Hill ch 7. *Pby of St Louis*—Salem Ger ch 7. *Pby of Southwest Missouri*—Calvary ch, Springfield 62 50 84 50

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Corisco*—Evangelisimba ch 9; Benita ch 6. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—Elizabethport ch 30. *Pby of Luzerne*—Northmoreland ch, Lehman Congregation 1 75; Pottsville 2d ch 20. *Pby of Monmouth*—Shrewsbury ch 25. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Pennington ch, add'l 50. *Pby of Newton*—Asbury ch 50. *Pby of Passaic*—Newark 3d ch 200. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Wysox ch 10; Elkland ch 2 403 75

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—South East Centre ch 17 05; Red Mills ch Sab-sch 31 28. *Pby of Hudson*—West Town ch 17. *Pby of New York*—Greenbush ch 75; Ebenezer ch, New York 150; Fifth Ave and Nineteenth St ch, New York, add'l 50; Fifteenth St ch, New York 55; Ger Madison St ch, New York 10. *Pby of North River*—Calvary ch, Newburgh 29 25 434 56

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Fort Wayne*—Decatur ch 10 60

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Columbus*—London ch 11 25. *Pby of Marion*—Liberty ch 20. *Pby of Richland*—Lexington ch 30. *Pby of Zanesville*—Washington ch 8 65 69 90

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Oregon*—Corvallis ch 13 00

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Huntingdon*—Bedford ch 5; Kylerstown ch 4; Lewistown ch 164 17; Lower Tuscarora ch (Academia) 105 30. *Pby of New Castle*—Wilmington 1st ch Sab-sch 24 26. *Pby of Northumberland*—Bald Eagle and Nittany ch 47 36. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Middletown ch 5; African 1st ch 2 50. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Cochucksink ch 96 64; Phoenixville ch 12; Charlesstown ch 8; North ch, Phila, mo colls 107 94; North Tenth St ch, Phila 50 632 77

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Clarion*—Mt Tabor ch 12; Mt Pleasant ch 8; Mill Creek ch 9. *Pby of Ohio*—Mt Carmel ch 16; Bethany ch, add'l 5;

Chartiers ch 50 28. *Pby of Redstone*—George's Creek ch 10 110 28

SYNOD OF ST PAUL.—*Pby of S Minnesota*—Waseca ch 5; Utica ch 1; St Charles ch 1; Harmony and Glasgow ch 4; Preston ch 16 27 00

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Findlay*—Rockport ch 3. *Pby of Maumee*—Bethel ch 8. *Pby of Michigan*—South Lyon ch 11. *Pby of Western Reserve*—Bedford ch 8; Tiffin ch 15 45 00

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Iowa*—New London ch 10 00

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of St Clairsville*—Wege ch 20. *Pby of Washington*—Cameron ch 10. *Pby of West Virginia*—Point Pleasant ch 10 40 00

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Winnebago*—Oxford ch 6 50

Total receipts from churches, \$3,593 37

LEGACIES.—Legacy of James Smith, dec'd, late of Hollidaysburgh, Pa 25 00

MISCELLANEOUS.—Rev H R Weed, D.D. West Philadelphia, Pa 50; "M P" 20; "Mrs E M H" 3; G W Ells, Davenport, Iowa 5; "C M." New York 5; North Congregational ch, Enfield, Con, per Rev C A G Brigham, pastor 59 72; Mrs Mary R Mitchell, Philadelphia 5; Mr Henry Brewster, Shiresburg, Pa 5; Presbyterian ch, Austin, Texas 10; "Six months interest on the Permanent Missionary Fund from the Trustees of the General Assembly" 433 75; "W" 50 696 47

Total Receipts in March, 1869, \$4,314 84

S. D. POWEL, Treasurer,
No. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

CLOTHING.

1 box from the Ladies' Missionary Society of Westminster ch, Baltimore, Md, valued at 225 00

1 box from the Ladies' of Rye ch, New York, valued at 250 00

4 boxes from the Ladies' Society of University Place ch, New York City, valued at 928 00

1 box from the Ladies' of Fourth ch, Trenton, New Jersey, valued at 200 00

1 box from the Ladies' Sewing Circle of First ch, Wheeling, West Virginia, valued at 80 00

5 boxes from the Ladies' Missionary Society of Spring Garden ch, Philadelphia, Pa, valued at 796 46

1 box from the Ladies' of Deerfield ch, New Jersey, valued at 70 00

\$2,549 46

NOTE.—The sum of 113 70, acknowledged in the March Record as from Indian Creek ch. (Salisbury Presbytery) should have been from Indiana church.

MISSION HOUSE.

No. 907 ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

Cor. Sec. pro tem.—Rev. G. W. MUSGRAVE, D.D.

Treasurer—SAMUEL D. POWEL

LETTERS relating to Missionary Appointments and other operations of the Board, should be addressed to the Corresponding Secretary, No. 907 Arch street, Philadelphia. Letters relating to the pecuniary affairs of the Board, or containing remittances of money, should be sent to S. D. POWEL, Esq., Treasurer—same address.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTEOUS, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

Showing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and the wonderful works that he hath done; that the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children; that they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments—**PSALM lxxviii.**

Semi-centenary Meeting of the Board of Education.

The Board of Education has made arrangements for a meeting in connection with the sessions of the next General Assembly at New York, in celebration of its fiftieth anniversary. Several of the most eminent friends of Education have consented to take part in the exercises. It is believed that it will be an occasion which will refresh the heart of the Church by gleaning the most useful lessons of the past, and be blessed to inciting it to greater exertions for the future. A special report, reviewing the statistics, and some of the more prominent features of the history of the Board, will be presented. The following recent action of the Board will explain the design of the meeting more fully:—

The Board of Education in closing the first half century of its distinct existence as an organ of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, feels that it is an occasion which calls for thanksgiving to God, who, during that term has granted to this arm of the Church the prosperity and success which have marked its course. It was formed in order to organize the various Synodical, Presbyterial, and various voluntary and local societies engaged in aiding candidates for the ministry, into a general and effective means, consonant with the Presbyterian polity, of raising up preachers of the gospel to meet the expanding wants of the nation, and to supply missionaries to the heathen world. It has reason for thankfulness in having been granted the counsels and aid of such men as Rob. Ralston, Dr. Green, Dr. Janeway, Dr. McAuley and Matthew L. Bevan, as its past presiding officers; Drs. Neill, Ely, John Breckinridge, McFarland, Hope, Van Rensselaer, and Chester, as its secretaries; and of so many other excellent men, whose piety, wisdom, and zeal have aided to give it its shape, and to crown it with its success. It has pleased God to enable it to accomplish a great work in the aid it has given in their course of preparation, to one half of our foreign, and more than half of our domestic missionaries, as well as in the benefits it has rendered to many of the most useful, pious, and successful ministers and teachers of the Church. Its usefulness has been interrupted by the vast national affliction which laid half a million of the young men of America in the graves of battle fields and hospitals. But a future of importance beyond what the Church has yet witnessed is before it. And the Board hopes, and prays to God, for wisdom and ability to meet its demands. The next half century will be no doubt to the present what the sunrise is to the misty watch of the dawn. Now, therefore,

Resolved, That it is proper that this Board should recommend to the General Assembly, whose instrument it is, to make the coming fiftieth anniversary of its organization an occasion of thanksgiving to God for the share it has performed in the history of the Church, and still more of petitions to God that he would bless it much more in the future, and that he would pour out of his Holy Spirit

upon the rising generation of the Church, and upon the pastors, teachers, and parents who will fashion the religious influence of that generation, so that our beloved Church, greatly honoured of Him in the past, may be made a leading agency in establishing throughout the world the glorious gospel of his Son.

Resolved, That the Board does respectfully request the General Assembly to appoint a favorable season during its sessions for the celebration of this semi-centennial occasion; and in order that it may be one most interesting to your venerable body, and the information and thoughts presented be such as may prove most useful to the Church, the Board would suggest that several of the fathers and brethren who are acquainted with the subject may be requested to make addresses suitable to it.

To Churches which have not taken up their Collections.

The collections that have come in this spring are in some cases larger than those of last year, but still do not near amount to what is needed to carry the Board over the year. Brethren are reminded that according to the statement published in February, a considerable larger amount is needed for the Candidates' Department this year than last. The Board has granted every appropriation asked by the Presbyteries, and every extra appropriation really needed by candidates for the ministry, in full faith that the heart and the purse of the Church would sustain it in so doing.

"Dark Clouds but a Bright Sun above Them."

A determined young candidate for the ministry, who has had some severe obstacles to battle with, pens the following cheerful words. May a kind Saviour sustain him through his course of study, and fit him for much usefulness.

Thinking that you would like to know how I succeeded in helping myself, as regards my pecuniary affairs, I will briefly inform you. In the first place I am a carpenter, (ship) by trade. Acquainting a gentleman here with my design to help myself as much as possible, he soon found something for me to do on his arm. Last year I took care of the fires, &c., of the school, by which I endeavoured to earn my tuition, &c. During this present vacation of three months, I will earn sixty dollars, twenty dollars per month. This I do not take up but let it go towards paying for my board. Then I have agreed to work Saturdays after prayers, and also one hour in the morning and one hour in the evening for exercise. This I think will give me the necessary exercise for the sustaining of good health. I have put my hand to the plough, and by the grace of God I shall not look back. I have some troubles, but my Heavenly Father will see me safe through. Although dark clouds may gather there is a bright sun above them. Please remember me in your prayers.

Anxiously Waiting Assistance.

I remained in the school until the close of the winter term, which placed me beyond the preparatory department in all my studies. Upon leaving school I went into the country and engaged in work on a farm, where I remained until the commencement of the present term of school, when I entered again upon my studies. Although making every effort that lies in my power for decreasing my necessary expenses, I fear I shall be compelled to relinquish my studies for a time unless I receive the appropriations of the Board.

How far I shall prove successful as a preacher of the Gospel of our Redeemer, I cannot tell, but I may assert that I desire to spend myself in the service of that Redeemer in whatever capacity He may require.

Two First Collections.

The following letters indicate advance. They are commended to the perusal of the members of many small churches, which feel too feeble to attempt anything; but whose "mites" would swell up a large aggregate.

I forward herewith five dollars, as the proceeds of the first collection for the Board of Education in the little church under my charge. The church has only about fifteen members, and they are mostly day labourers and their

wives and children. Hence you will not be surprised that the first collection is so small. I purpose that, by the Divine help, this collection shall prove the *smallest*, but by no means the last taken up in this church for the assistance of your Board.

Please find enclosed thirteen dollars.

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN MARCH, 1869.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Rockwell Falls ch 4 50; Johnstown ch 24 69; Princeton ch 23; New Scotland ch 27 33; Central ch; Mayfield 4; Galway ch 5; Bethlehem ch 11 80; Carlisle ch 10; Esperance ch 5	\$115 32	5 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Slate Lick ch 12 66; Leesburg ch 10	22 66	
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —First Ger ch 7 75; Leetsdale ch 11; Manchester ch 40 33; North ch 78; Emsworth City ch 6	143 08	
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Broadway ch 31 14; Frederick ch 17; Westminster ch 42	90 14	
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Andover ch 6; Princeton ch 21 17; Coal Valley ch 4; Camden Mills ch 8; Oseoe ch 10; Edington ch 7	56 17	
<i>Pby of Burlington</i> —Bordentown ch	7 75	
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Chatsworth ch 10 25; Atlanta ch 4; Waynesville ch 11 85; Champaign ch 13 61; Salem ch 12; Towanda ch 15; Onarga ch 15 70	82 41	
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Alexander ch, of which from Sab-sch 20 25 = 56 25; Armagh ch 9; Centreville ch 7; Cross Roads ch 18 20; Fairfield ch 19; Union ch 9 31; Beulah ch 12 14	130 99	
<i>Pby of Benicia</i> —Vallejo ch 29 20; Napa City ch 22	51 20	
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Pulaski ch 13; Mahoning ch 29 89; Westfield ch 23; Neshannock ch 21	86 89	
<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —Circleville ch 47 35; Amanda ch 5	52 35	
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Hartford 1st ch 24; Port Chester ch 25; Rye ch 90 29; Bridgeport ch 35	174 29	
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Clarion ch 8 34; Rehoboth ch 6 66; Brookville ch 18; Bethesda ch 11; Middle Creek ch 5 50; Perry ch 8 30; Licking ch 3 63; Leatherwood ch 7 58	96 01	
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Mechanicsville ch 9; Summit ch 11 12; Cedar Rapids ch 17; Fairview ch 8 35; Linn Grove ch 5 50; Springville ch 2 25; Long Grove ch 2 60	55 82	
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Falling Spring ch 58 25; Shippensburg ch 34 89; Lonaconing ch 5; Piney Creek ch 11 85; Centre ch 15; Einmattsburg ch 13 45; Barton ch 3 50; Harrisburg ch 51 07; Paxton ch 37 75	230 76	
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —First ch Lebanon 25; Springdale ch 19; Bridgeport ch 35; Somerset ch 5; 1st ch Cincinnati 32 41; Avondale ch 25; Loveland ch 10; Central ch Cincinnati 03 07, of which Sab-sch 25; Cumminsville ch 10; Gladale 1st ch 93 11	312 59	
<i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Howard ch 2 75; 1st ch Manteno 30 03, of which 2 43 contents of little boys' Missy box	32 78	
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Washington ch 15; Pisgah ch 10; Bloomingb:rg ch 14	39 00	
<i>Pby of Crawfordsville</i> —First ch Crawfordsville 11; Lebanon ch 5 50; Bethany ch 14 50; Eugene ch 5 50; Thornton ch 7 85	44 35	
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —North Bend ch	5 00	
<i>Pby of Corisco</i> —Evangasimba ch 1; Benita ch 150	2 50	
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Lancaster ch 70 09; Little Britain ch 20; Pequea ch 55	145 09	
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Hazel Green ch 2 75; Byron Centre ch 2 30; Waverly ch 3; Zion ch 3; Andrew ch 3 70; Farmer's ch 3; St Ann ch 4 03; Scotch Grove ch 10	31 78	
<i>Pby of Des Moines</i> —Albia ch 4; Indianola ch 6; Chariton ch 10 42; Des Moines ch 18 50	38 92	
The above is the amount taken up in this church, yesterday, for the Board of Education. I wish it were much more than it is. But we must not forget that this little church is only about one year old. She has contributed to all the Boards since I have been here. With God's blessing, we hope still to do better.		
<i>Pby of Dane</i> —Pulaski ch	5 00	
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Washington ch 5; Mercer 2d ch 13; Sturgeonville ch 8; Greenville ch 66; Georgetown ch 15	107 00	
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Elizabeth 2d ch 96 50; New Providence ch 20; Metuchin ch 10	126 50	
<i>Pby of Ebenezer</i> —Ashland ch	26 00	
<i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Salina ch 3; Fairfield ch 10 35; Birmingham ch 11 75; Washington ch 5 85; Bethel ch 3 15	34 10	
<i>Pby of Frankville</i> —Chester ch 1; West Union ch 4 20; Lanning ch 5; Frankville ch 14	24 29	
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —Wabash 2d ch 7 50; Bluffton ch 1 76; New Lancaster ch 2 14; Waterloo ch 6; Auburn ch 3 50; La Grange ch 5	25 90	
<i>Pby of Fort Dodge</i> —East Friesland ch	2 00	
<i>Pby of Findlay</i> —Johnstown and Riley Creek chs 2; Delphos ch 7 80; Ottawa ch 4; Shanesville ch 2 50	16 30	
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Warsaw ch 25; Genesee ch 20; Moscow ch 12	57 00	
<i>Pby of Huntington</i> —Upper Tuscarora ch 26 80; Bethel ch 12; Bald Eagle ch 5; Birmingham ch 35 31; Spruce Creek ch 155 50; Shade Gap ch 7; Pine Grove ch 10; Hollidaysburg ch 37 97; Clearfield ch 17 02; Milesburg ch 13; Saxon and Yellow Creek chs 24; Lewistown ch 101	447 53	
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Hopewell ch 11 50; West Town ch 8 44; Hamptonburg ch 44 41; Cocheeton ch 5 75	70 10	
<i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —Shelbyville ch 6; Knights-town ch 11 50; Indianapolis 5th ch 5	22 50	
<i>Pby of Kaskaskia</i> —Chester ch 5; Pleasant Ridge ch 5	10 00	
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Kingston ch 25 24, of which 2 86 from Sab-sch; Tunkhannock ch 19; Tamaqua ch 22 50; Pottsville 2d ch 15	81 74	
<i>Pby of Lafayette</i> —Sugar Creek ch 8 75; Knob Noster ch 5 25	14 09	
<i>Pby of Lake</i> —Bethel ch	4 02	
<i>Pby of Logansport</i> —Monticello ch 13 29; Rock Creek ch 5; Lexington ch 18	36 29	
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —Setauket ch 15 50; Middle-ton ch 23 33; Moriches ch 10 50; Huntington 2d ch 17; East Hampton ch 47 40; Seldon ch 1	114 78	
<i>Pby of Londonderry</i> —Boston 1st ch	50 00	
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Red Bank ch	12 09	
<i>Pby of Milwaukee</i> —Grandville ch	3 00	
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Bucyrus ch 16; Mt Gilead ch 9 60; Brown ch 5; Liberty ch 10 20; York ch 4; Kingston ch 5; Rodney ch 3	52 80	
<i>Pby of Madison</i> —Hanover ch 10 10; Pleasant Township ch 2; Donaldson ch 3; Bethel ch 4; Lexington ch 4	23 10	
<i>Pby of Michigan</i> —Grand Rapids ch 12 33; Wood-hull ch 3 50. Grand Rapids ch 1	16 83	
<i>Pby of Maumee</i> —Bryan 1st ch 15; West Bethesda ch 5; Toledo ch 10 50	30 50	
<i>Pby of Muncie</i> —Clermont ch 40 cts; Brownsburg ch 1 25	1 65	
<i>Pby of Mohawk</i> —Park Central ch 44 50; Oneida ch 35 45	79 95	
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Miami City ch	10 00	
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —East Liverpool ch 8; Canfield ch 4 71; East Palestine ch 2 59	15 21	
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Buffalo ch 13; Lycoming Centre ch 8; Chilisquaque ch 12 25; Mooresburg ch 8 80; Grove ch 19; Bald Eagle and Nittany ch 18 60; Mahoning ch 34 32; Millinburg ch 8 65	122 62	

<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Lawrenceville ch 83; Trenton 4th ch 50; Trenton 1st ch 150 283 00	<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Indiana ch 100; Glade Run ch 20; West Lebanon ch 5 63; Eldersridge ch 10; Pine Run ch 8 75; Rural Valley ch 6 88 151 28
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Rutgers ch 350; Ebenezer ch 19; Weehawken ch 5; Clarktown ch 1 375 00	<i>Pby of Topeka</i> —Burlingham ch 4; Auburn ch 3 7 00
<i>Pby of New York</i> 2d—Sing Sing ch 150 00	<i>Pby of Upper Missouri</i> —Albany ch 1 50; Savannah ch 11; Oregon ch 7 75 20 25
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Penningtonville ch 17; Red Clay ch 19; Port Deposit ch 10 46 00	<i>Pby of Vincennes</i> —Princeton ch 12; Evansville ch 53 50; Vincennes 2d ch 24 89 50
<i>Pby of North River</i> —Rondout ch 50; Calvary ch 18 96; Hughsonville ch 3; Smithfield ch 10; Kingston ch 20 101 96	<i>Pby of Vinton</i> —La Porte ch 4; Salem ch 11; Big Grove ch 7 65 22 65
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Jamaica 1st ch 38 24; Brooklyn Central ch 31 52; Astoria ch 44 39; South Third St ch, Williamsburg, Miss Bruen 10; Ainslie St ch, Brooklyn 9 15; Wallabout ch 2 53; Lawrence St ch, Brooklyn 3; Brooklyn 2d ch 200 356 83	<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Blackwoodtown ch 30; Cedarville ch 20; Woodbury ch 15 80; Salem ch 71; Fislerville ch 13; Deerfield ch 5 154 80
<i>Pby of New Albany</i> —Rehoboth ch 6 00	<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Moundsville ch 6; Claysville ch 12 50; Upper Ten Mile ch 13 80; Cameron ch 6; Pigeon Creek ch 22 80; Mt Prospect ch 24 81; Frankfort ch 10 50; Lower Buffalo ch 1 97 41
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Lower Mt Bethel ch 15 00	<i>Pby of West Virginia</i> —Morgantown ch 14 92; Buckhannon ch 5 05; French Creek ch 12 40; Clarksburg ch 2 34 37
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Annual Meeting and Sermon.

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions will be held at the Mission House, New York, on Tuesday, May 4th, at two o'clock, P. M.

A sermon for the Board will be preached in the First Presbyterian Church, Fifth Avenue and Twelfth street, on Sabbath, May 9th, at seven and a half o'clock, P. M., by the Rev. Thatcher Thayer, D.D., of Newport, R. I., and a brief abstract of the Annual Report will be presented.

Recent Intelligence.

CONVERTS RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH.—The Rev. J. R. Ramsay reports five persons lately admitted to the church among the Seminoles on profession of their faith, one of whom had been a violent opposer of religion until within a few months. The Rev. W. Hamilton speaks of encouraging interest on the subject of religion as still evinced by some of the Omahas; in addition to the eighteen Indians received in January, eight more were admitted to the church on the first Sabbath of April. The Rev. J. M. W. Farnham mentions the admission of two converts to the church at Se-dong, one of the out-stations of the Shanghai Mission, in December. A professed convert was admitted to the church at Hangchow a few months ago, the Rev. S. Dodd writes, who had been long under the influence of the gospel; but he did not run well, and now the wreck of his Christian profession is reported. The Rev. R. H. Nassau, M. D., says, "At our Benita communion, December 27th, one was excommunicated, two were suspended, one was restored, two adults and one infant were baptized." The Rev. F. J. C. Schneider reports the admission of another communicant to the church in Rio de Janeiro; and the Rev. T. F. Wallace mentions the admission of two persons to the church in Bogota, one of whom is a young lady, the daughter of one of the most respected families in the country.

MOVEMENTS OF MISSIONARIES.—The Rev. J. L. Nevius and his wife and Miss Patrick arrived at Shanghai in January, and we are glad to learn that the health of Mrs. Nevius was much benefitted by the voyage. The Rev. Messrs. Vandyke and Carrington and their wives, arrived at Bangkok in January. Mr. and Mrs. Vandyke will be stationed at Petchaburi; Mr. and Mrs. Carrington, at Bangkok. Rev. D. Herron and his wife were transferred by the mission from Ambala to Dehra; and the Rev. W. J. P. Morrison and Miss H. Morrison from Lahor to Ambala. Miss Beatty, of Dehra, was on a visit at Allahabad for her health, which we regret to learn was very seriously impaired. Rev. J. H. Orbison and his family, of the Lodiana mission, and Mrs. M. C. Carlton, of the same mission, and her children, arrived at New York, March 24th, the Rev. M. C. Carlton remaining at his work. J. C. Hepburn, M. D., of the mission in Japan, arrived at this city also on the 24th of March.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES.—As usual, the letters of this month contain things which cannot easily be stated in brief terms; we may, however, note a few matters of interest, as follows:—Mrs. Roberts has joined her husband at Fort Wingate, Navajoe Reservation, New Mexico, and Mr. Roberts is laying his plans and making vigorous efforts to establish the mission.—The missionaries at Bogota have opened a school, which was immediately attended by seventeen scholars, and it promises to be a means of much good.—The missionaries in Japan report a growing interest in the Christian religion among some of the influential natives. "Applications come to us," the Rev. E. Cornes writes, "for doctors and teachers, and one prince even wants a preacher of Christianity, and is now taking measures to get the permission of the Government, we hear." Mr. Cornes refers to a project of a Government school or college at Yedo, for which it was said the services of one of the missionaries were to be sought.—The missionaries at Shanghai speak of instances of violent opposition to native Christian labourers at two out-stations of the mission, by Chinese officials; in one case the native helper was expelled from the city, and the native land agent who had assisted him to rent a place, was so severely maltreated that he was not expected to recover. The missionaries, besides doing what they could by personal visits and influence at these places, considered it expedient to lay

the matter before the American Consul at Shanghai, who had promised to investigate the case. Such hostile proceedings are forbidden by the treaty.—The missionaries in Rio de Janeiro had not yet succeeded in finding a suitable lot for the church building, but were still making inquiry for one, and hoped to succeed at an early day.

LETTERS RECEIVED TO APRIL 16th.—From Omaha, April 8th; Creek, March 17th; Seminole, March 9th; Navajoe, March 4th; Yokohama, January 30th; Peking, December 18th; Shanghai, January 20th; Ningpo, January 18th; Hangchow, December 18th; Canton, January 18th; Bangkok, January 24th; Allahabad, March 3d; Futehgurh, February 9th; Roorkhee, February 5th; Dehra, February 20th; Lahor, February 5th; Corisco, February 16th; Benita, December 29th; Rio de Janeiro, February 23d; Sao Paulo, February 15th; Bogota, February 17th.

"Special Efforts."

"I have told you my views in regard to these special efforts, and I will give you some facts which meet me here and there, which strengthen my convictions that the whole attitude of the Executive Committee in regard to that subject is wrong, and greatly detrimental to the cause. Earnest men and warm friends of the cause have expressed wonder and strong dissatisfaction in regard to it. A leading man in a small church, which last year gave one hundred dollars to the general fund and eighty-five dollars to a special object, said that most of what went into the general fund was the result of the interest excited by the special effort. He said further that for a special object which they had much at heart, he was convinced they could raise five hundred dollars a year. I said, 'Why don't you do it then?' He replied, 'It's no use to try; the Committee at New York don't approve of such special efforts.' This was said by a man who, in spite of discouragement from the Committee, has by his fervent and persevering efforts stirred up an indifferent church from giving almost nothing to contribute last year nearly two hundred dollars. If you could see and hear him as I did, you would feel that it was no querulous spirit which dictated the expression of his views. I am persuaded that he represents a very considerable class in our churches."

This extract is taken from a recent letter of one of our ministers. By special efforts we understand him to mean collections for particular objects in the missionary work, these collections to be made outside of, or in addition to, the regular collections of the churches. We need not here refer to the way in which these special efforts are to be made, whether by a missionary coming home, or staying at home for a time, to seek collections for some particular object, or by letters and appeals, or by assigning some particular part of the general work to a presbytery, church, Sabbath-school, ladies' sewing circle, or some other form of benevolent agency. The question is, as stated by our correspondent, What is "the whole attitude" of the Executive Committee towards these special efforts? And then another question might be asked, What should be their attitude towards them? It is chiefly as to the former question we now offer a few remarks. Let it be observed that practically there is little if any difference between special efforts and special objects in this case, the former having their place and whatever weight belongs to them solely with reference to the latter.

Let us first see how the Committee deals with all the objects which require the expenditure of money, as then we can best understand its "whole attitude" towards particular objects. In each and all of the missions the brethren are requested to send to the Mission House a carefully prepared estimate of the expenses, which they think should be incurred in their several fields of labour for the ensuing year, specifying details, to some extent, such as the amount needed for native assistants, for schools, for the press, for new buildings or repairing of old ones, &c. Their own salaries were fixed at first, and afterwards modified if need be, in the same way—upon their estimates. These estimates are expected to include *all* the matters that are likely to require the outlay of moneys, so far as can be foreseen; if new matters need to be provided for or any changes from the estimates need to be made, they are the subjects of after correspondence during the year. In this way the Board has the benefit of the judgment of men on the ground, who are reasonably supposed to be best informed as to these matters, and thus all the objects, both general and special, are brought forward in a regular and satisfactory way, so that the probable expenditure for the work in all its parts is fully known at the Mission House. These estimates are then carefully considered by the Com-

mittee, and it is often found that they call for a much larger amount of funds in the aggregate than is likely to be available; of necessity some things have then to be deferred. When approved they are returned to the missions, and govern the expenditures of the year.

This statement shows clearly, as it is believed, that the method adopted by the Committee rests on good and practical reasons; and at any rate that it is a method which secures the best consideration by the missionaries and the Committee of all matters of missionary expense, both general and special. No exemption from errors can be claimed for any body of men, but on this plan there is reasonable ground for believing that a right decision will be reached in most cases.

Next, let us see how the moneys contributed by the churches, Sabbath-schools, and individual donors, are apportioned among the missions and the varied parts of the missionary work. We use both these terms, not as identical, and yet because both are included in the method pursued by the Board. It would be practicable to send the funds to the missions in gross, and not with reference to the separate parts of their work, leaving them to be expended by the missionaries at their discretion. There are not wanting those who at first thought would prefer this plan; we need not here discuss it. It has not worked well in cases where it has been tried, not in the missions, however, of our Church; it is open to serious objections; the method pursued by the Board, as stated above, includes all its advantages, &c. All the parts of the work are before the Committee, as carefully presented by the missionaries. On the other hand the much larger part of the funds contributed to the mission treasury are sent in without special designation, probably nineteen parts out of twenty. If preferences are expressed for some particular object by any of the donors, the Committee always desire to follow them, provided they are within the range of objects prosecuted by the missions, and are such as have received approval after the joint consideration already described by the Committee and the missionaries. When practicable, the donations which are given for particular objects are turned over to those objects, as a part of the funds granted for carrying on the work at the stations where they are supported.

Cases may occur, and they have occurred, in which missionaries have not been satisfied with the action of the Committee, and also in which some of the missionary brethren have made applications to the churches for separate collections. In these cases, the Committee do not wish to interfere with any one's liberty, and so far as is known no unkind feeling has been manifested on either side; but when requested, the Committee or the Executive Officers have endeavoured to state the reasons of the case in a frank and fraternal manner, then leaving their Christian friends to judge for themselves.

With these things kept in view, the ground of the apportionment of funds entrusted to the Committee will be readily understood. It is a simple question of good judgment. And the Committee is in a good position to exercise that judgment. They may not see so clearly the wants of each mission field as the brethren on the ground, but they have the matured views of the brethren themselves as to these wants, and besides they have the whole field under their view, the wants of all the missions as presented by all the brethren. They may also be reasonably supposed to have a better idea of the subject than most persons at home. It is a position of grave responsibility. Earnest prayer for guidance may well be offered, and earnest consideration given to every case; mistakes may certainly be made—who shall say they have not been made? And yet we may refer to the record of past years, and the remarkable progress of our missionary work, as showing that these plans have worked well, and have received the blessing of God and the approval of his people.

We do not now take up the second question mentioned at the outset, What should be the attitude or policy of the Board towards special efforts? An answer in part can be inferred from the foregoing statement. A full reply would require the consideration of the respective merits of different lines of policy, and of the question whether the regular or the special method is best adapted to secure the general co-operation of our Presbyterian people. It would also include the examination of cases that have occurred, arising on the field of missions, and here at home as in the instance referred to by our correspondent. We have no doubt that it is best to follow the general method as the rule, yet particular objects may well be favoured when presented by special leadings of Providence. We only add here our conviction, that the method of dealing with the subject as above described is at once comprehensive, flexible, and easily worked; while its whole administration is

open, readily influenced by the views of brethren at home or abroad, and completely within the reach and control of our General Assembly from year to year.

Missionary Work and some of its Fruits at Chefoo.

The Rev. H. Corbett, writing October 28th, 1868, at his station, Chefoo, in the province of Shantung, China, is permitted to give a good account of the preceding year's labours. The aged converts here spoken of, and the remarkable practical sense of some of these native Christians, will be observed with much interest.

Notices of the Converts.

One of them is sixty-seven years of age. He has been a daily student of the Scripture for several years. I have seldom met any one more familiar with the Sacred Scriptures, or able to quote them more readily and accurately. He has from the first professed to believe the gospel and hoped to be saved by it, but thought that a man of his age could not be expected to observe the Sabbath, nor cease the worship of his ancestors. More than a year ago he heard a discourse on the necessity of prayer, which he says led him to pray as he had not before. At the new year, the usual time for ancestral worship, his conscience would not allow him to worship as usual. He removed his ancestral tablets and inserted instead the names of Father, Jesus, and the Holy Ghost, and worshipped in the same manner he did his ancestors. His conscience still troubled him. About four months since he had grace given to him to take up the cross and strive to obey the Saviour's commands. He lives three miles distant, has since come on foot every Sabbath to attend church. He is striving to let his light shine, as his neighbours testify.

Another man, sixty-three years of age, was baptized the same day. He has been a school teacher in his native town for many years, until last year the school was broken up by the rebels. Two years since he received books from the colporteurs, which he studied with much interest. He spent some time here as an inquirer last spring. He left us very unexpectedly and we feared he had turned from the truth. After a few months he returned, saying he had no means of support, and was obliged to leave as he did, that he could not ask help lest we should think he had mercenary motives in wishing to unite with

the church. He worked as a day labourer during wheat harvest; with the wages received he supported himself on his return as an inquirer. His examination was very satisfactory.

The wife and two grown sons of Mr. Lin, one of the colporteurs, were of the number baptized. Mrs. Lin is an active and working Christian. She and another Christian woman have visited very many of the heathen at their homes, and told them of a Saviour. They have been able to induce many women to attend church on the Sabbath.

I have recently visited one of the native Christians at his home thirty miles distant. He is also of the name of Lin, an uncle of the colporteur, and in his sixty-first year. I found him alone in his house with his Bible and hymn book before him, and talking in a most impassioned manner. He said he was preaching a sermon for his own edification. I preached there at night in the open air. The stars furnished our light. During the service one man involuntarily exclaimed, "I believe." Mr. Lin called to his son to hasten and bring a light, saying, "I wish to see the man face to face who believes; I am a friend of all such." I have been assured by his heathen neighbours and also by some of the Christians who have visited him, that he is a faithful witness for the truth. There is a large fair held every fifth day near his home, which he frequently attends, and it is said never fails to speak for Christ.

Mr. Lin addresses an acquaintance thus, "My friend, have you heard the good news?" "What?" "That Jesus the Son of God has come into the world to save sinners, and all are invited to come to him and be saved. I have carefully examined this doctrine and can testify to its truth. I am now a Christian and know that my soul will be saved at death. If you forsake your idols, repent of sin, love the Saviour and become his disciple your soul will be saved. I will detain you no longer to-day. Remember what I have told you; if you do not believe Jesus, you will have no Saviour, and your soul will be lost." The next time he meets a man with whom he has thus talked, he immediately asks him, how much he remembers about Christ, and again urges him to believe. Nearly a month

ago an old man heard him talk, and said he would like to hear more. "Come home with me and I will teach you." The man said he had no money to pay for his lodging. "No matter, if you really wish to learn the way of salvation I will provide for you." Almost the entire night was spent in reading and explaining the Scriptures.

The aged church members near Lai Yang have been twice visited at their homes, and the Lord's Supper partaken with them. Mr. Yir, in his seventieth year, is unable to read and has experienced much difficulty in remembering on what day the Sabbath comes. His plan is now, the first thing in the morning after rising from his oven-bed, to make a mark on the wall. He draws a cross stroke for the seventh and observes it as the Sabbath. The other man being a scholar has written a schedule by which he has no difficulty in this regard. He says he reads his Bible daily, and prays for the Holy Spirit to aid him in understanding it. That he often cannot but weep that he has not the privilege of meeting with God's people nor hearing the gospel preached. I trust God's people in America will remember before God these "babes in Christ," scattered as sheep in the wilderness.

Itinerating.

Two men, the name of Wang, have laboured during the summer as voluntary colporteurs, receiving no wages except a nominal sum from the sale of books which they circulate. They have received in this way just sufficient to cover their expenses at the inns. They had recently returned from a trip of two hundred miles into the interior. They met with much encouragement. Two young men returned with them as inquirers. Five thousand eight hundred and fifty portions of Scripture and fifteen thousand books and tracts have been circulated during the year. Chefoo was divided into four districts, two native assistants and two colporteurs each took a portion and visited every house in the city. They preached and left books wherever they could get a hearing. I have traveled about eight hundred miles on horseback, and preached in upwards of three hundred towns and villages—visited four walled cities—met with painful indifference and ignorance on the part of many, but was greatly cheered in some instances at the interest manifested in the truth. During

one trip of a fortnight, I was accompanied by Mrs. Corbett. As soon as we entered a town, the women come on the street to see a foreign lady. Thus an opportunity was given to tell them of a Saviour. At the same time I addressed the men assembled at a little distance. After preaching for a time the women accompanied Mrs. Corbett and gave me an opportunity of speaking to them—a privilege I do not enjoy when alone. We seem to get the confidence of the people as I have not seen before. The sight of a missionary is not now strange, but to see a lady caused many to wonder, and not a few to express themselves, surely the gospel must be of great importance to justify coming such a distance.

Schools.

Mrs. Corbett has taught daily, when health permitted, in the boys' school, and has held a weekly Bible-class for women with an average attendance of twenty. Miss Downing's time has been occupied in the study of the language and teaching in the girls' school.

We have been happy and blest in our work, and trust that our hearts are often filled with praise and thanksgiving for God's goodness and mercy to us.

Very truly,
HUNTER CORBETT.

The Press at Lodiana, India.

Under this head we include (1) the Preparation of books, (2) the Printing, (3) Distribution.

1. *Preparation of books for the Press.* For this purpose the Publishing Committee, as appointed by the Mission, consists of six members, Messrs. Orbison, Newton, Henry, Golok Nath, Myers and Rudolph, the latter, the Chairman of this Committee, has also charge of the Press.

The Rawal Pindi report says:—"Owing to the state of Mr. Orbison's health and the pressure of other important duties, he has not been able to do anything as a member of the Committee, with the exception of revising a few tracts."

The labours of Messrs. Henry and Myers have been chiefly those of revising such works as were submitted to the Committee.

Mr. Newton was occupied during the first part of the year with the final revision and reading of the proof sheets of the New Testament in Panjabi, and later with revision of several tracts in Hindi.

Mr. Goloknath has furnished two new tracts, *The Inquirer*, in Urdu; and *Reflections on the text, "Come unto me all ye that labour," etc.*, in Hindi.

Mr. Rudolph has furnished four new tracts in Urdu, *Naaman the Leper*, *The Egg-seller*, *The Whirlpool*, and *The Tides*: as also translations in Hindi from the Urdu of five tracts, *Day-dawn in Britain*, *Poor Joseph*, *the Negro Woman*, *The Flood*, and *Select Passages of Scripture*.

Messrs. Wylie and Kanwar Sain have offered to the Committee a translation in Urdu of McDowell's Bible Class Manual, which was accepted and is now passing through the press,

2. The printing of works. The table of works printed during the year, as appended to this report, shows that eighteen different publications were carried through the press. Of these two are in English, two in Urdu in the Roman character, ten in Urdu in the Persian character and lithographed, three in Hindi, and one in Panjabi.

One of the lithographed books in Urdu is the second volume of the Old Testament, so that we are now prepared to place in the hands of the Muhammadan inquirers the entire Bible in the Persian character, which is the one generally used by them.

The two largest books in Hindi are the *Matpariksha* and *Dharmadharma pariksha*, which we hope will greatly aid the cause amongst Hindus in general and more especially Brahmins and Pandits.

The New Testament in Panjabi is now ready, and several copies are already in the hands of such as can read and understand only that language. This work was printed for the Panjab Bible Society.

Some works were not quite completed at the close of the Mission year, and will therefore not appear in this table. The most important of these is the *Mizan-ul-Haqq*.

The total number of copies printed is 51,300 and pages 6,238,900. This does not include job-work of which there has been the usual amount. The object of executing job-work being only to enable the printers to keep the presses running, no specification is necessary here.

3. Distribution. The table exhibiting the state of the Depository shows that at the beginning of the Mission year there were 346,987 copies of publications on hand. To this stock the above number of 51,300 has been added in the course of the year. The number

of disbursements is 147,452, leaving a stock on hand on the 1st of October of 247,035 copies.

The Depository has continued to send forth the publications of this press to all parts of India where the languages in which it prints are spoken; and Mr. Rudolph has frequently received letters from Missionaries of different denominations, thanking this Mission for the aid it affords in giving them the means of disseminating the truth by the productions of the press, and assuring him that this institution is doing a great and good work which will continue to bear witness long after the agents now engaged in it shall have passed away. We are happy to state that the Depository will be able during the next Mission year just commenced, in answer to these encouragements, to make new grants of our publications, when applications for them shall be received by the Superintendent.

With reference to the sale of books we take the following remarks from the station reports:

Lahore. "Our custom is to distribute tracts at the beginning of every month through all the streets and bazaars of the city and Anarkali. We have three colporteurs, supported by the Panjab Bible and Tract Societies. One of these has his sphere of labour at the Railway station, and in the city Anarkali; and two go alternately into the region around, visiting the villages of the Lahore district; while one of them itinerates, the other works in and about Lahore. The hope is that from such a sowing of the seed, there shall be, one day, an ingathering which will more than make up for the despondency of these days of apparently almost fruitless efforts."

Hoshyarpur. "A colporteur has been engaged throughout the entire year in selling books and has met with considerable success. He had visited upward of 400 villages and sold more than 5000 books. Many of those who receive these books, we have reason to believe, made good use of them. We know that some have read them with interest, and were so struck with the beauty of their teaching, that they came to the Missionary's house to ask explanations of those parts which they did not understand. When they departed, they bought more books from him. In one instance a person manifested a wonderful knowledge of the Bible which he had acquired by studying the book by himself."

Saharanpur. "We are glad to report that the sale of religious vernacular publications at Melas, etc., has been much more encouraging with us the past year than formerly. Several hundreds of such books and tracts have been sold at, of course, mere nominal prices, but still high enough to prevent there being purchased for any other purpose than for reading."

Rurki. "Your Missionary would once more take occasion to advert to the fact, that as so very few books are sold at this station, and in the district, he would ask the liberty of exercising his

discretion in gratuitous distribution, promising that where it is possible he will, of course, give them for a nominal price."

Colporteurs were also employed at Ambala, Lodiana, and Jalandhar at the expense of the Panjab Bible and Tract Societies, and for part of the year at Rawal Pindi. In general the proceeds from sales fall far short of even the salaries of the colporteurs. But as education advances we may look for a gradual change for the better, in this respect—*Report of the Mission, October 1st, 1868.*

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN MARCH, 1869.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Amsterdam ch 134 25; Saratoga Springs Sab-sch 27. *Pby of Mohawk*—Oneida ch 150 $\$311\ 25$

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Leesburg ch 13; Brady's Bend ch 32 02; Clinton ch 4 30; Scrub Grass ch 50; New Salem ch 21; Centre ch 80. Sab-sch, for sch at Tungchow 20 = 107; Worthington ch 15 50; Glade Run ch 14 50; Amity ch 25; Harrisville ch 36 75. *Pby of Allegheny City*—North ch, Allegheny City, add'l 10; 1st ch Allegheny City 216 35; 1st German ch, Allegheny City 5 14; Sab-sch 15 = 29 14; Industry ch 4 50. *Pby of Beaver*—Neshannock ch 109 50; New Salem ch 22 72; Little Beaver ch 16; Newport ch 21; Slippery Rock ch, add'l 2. *Pby of Erie*—Washington ch 45, Sab-sch 15 = 60; Cochranton ch 14; Mill Creek ch 20 $\quad 819\ 28$

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Annapolis ch 30; Westminster ch, Baltimore 731, Sab-sch 100. Mission Sab-sch 14; col'd Sab-sch Mrs. Murdock, Sup't 5 = 850; Havre de Grace ch 10, Sab-sch 4 50 = 14 50. *Pby of Carlisle*—Lonaconing Sab-sch 2 50; Sherman's Creek ch 6 50; Upper Path Valley ch 67 26, for Scriptures in China 9 80; Fem Miss'y Soc'y 66 50 = 143 56; Bedford ch 29 50, Sab-sch 3 50, to Mr. E. W. Burch Life member = 33; Silver Springs ch, two years' interest on Graham Legacy 24; Landisburg Centre ch 19 90; 1st ch Harrisburg, a widow 3. *Pby of Lewes*—Pitt's Creek ch 26 69; Rehoboth ch 13 31; Buckingham ch 10; Eden ch 3 35; Manokin ch 42. *Pby of Potowmack*—Bridge St ch, Georgetown 68 17; Capitol Hill ch, Washington 148 25; New York Ave ch, Washington 49 97 $\quad 1479\ 70$

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Buffalo City*—Calvary ch, Buffalo 187 40, Sab-sch 8 83 = 196 28. *Pby of Genesee River*—Goochland ch 17. *Pby of Ogdensburg*—Morristown ch 8. *Pby of Rochester City*—Seneca ch 72 11; Wheatland ch 24 $\quad 317\ 39$

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Bureau*—Camden ch 8 50. Sab-sch 11 50 = 20. *Pby of Rock River*—Franklin Grove Sab-sch 1 63; German ch, Galena 7 50; Sterling ch, add'l 70; Rock Run ch 5. *Pby of Schuler*—Carthage Sab-sch, for Lodianas ch 8 80; Westminster ch, Quincy 20. *Pby of Warren*—Shiloh ch 3; Good Hope ch 17 $\quad 152\ 93$

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—German ch, Chillicothe 8; Washington ch 15. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Seventh ch Cincinnati 350 90; Pleasant Run ch 4. *Pby of Miami*—Washington ch 20; 1st ch Xenia 19 70; 1st ch Miami City 75. *Pby of Oxford*—Harrison ch 16 50. *Pby of Sulney*—New Salem ch 2 40, little Carrie Elcock 50 cts = 2 90; Spring Hills ch 16 33, Sab-sch 7 45 = 23 80; Belle Centre ch 5 $\quad 540\ 80$

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Brenton ch 25; Waynesville Sab-sch 2 20; Heyworth ch 5. *Pby of Kaskaskia*—Greenville ch 22 25. *Pby of Palestine*—Newton ch 4. *Pby of Peoria*—Henry ch 29 40; Farmington ch 40. *Pby of Saline*—Elizabethtown ch 4; Friendsville ch 22. *Pby of Sangamon*—Third ch Springfield 74 60, Sab-sch

28 05 = 102 65; 1st ch Springfield 165 05, for Brazil 9 95 = 175; Farmington Sab-sch 17 25 $\quad 415\ 75$

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Indianapolis*—First ch Shelbyville 22. *Pby of Madison*—Lexington ch 20. *Pby of New Albany*—Jackson Co German ch 5. *Pby of Vincennes*—Evansville ch, mo con 48 85, Sab-sch 65 50 = 114 35. *Pby of White Water*—First ch Richmond 20; Sardinia ch 4

$\quad 185\ 35$

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Davenport ch, G W Ells 5; 1st ch Iowa City 100, David Stone 10 = 110. *Pby of Dubuque*—Hazel Green ch 3; 1st ch Bellevue 7 37; Epworth Sab-sch 5; Independence ch 20. *Pby of Frankville*—Bethel ch, West Union 4 25; Lansing ch 10. *Pby of Vinton*—Salem ch 24 $\quad 188\ 62$

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Highland*—Atchison ch 8 85. *Pby of Leavenworth*—Stranger Sab-sch 8 $\quad 16\ 85$

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Ebenezer*—First ch Covington 200. *Pby of Louisville*—Olivet ch 73; College St ch, Louisville 8. *Pby of Paducah*—Columbus ch 25. Sab-sch 11 50 = 36 50. *Pby of Transylvania*—Columbia ch 41 20; Harrodsburg ch 38 75. Sab-sch 10. Thos P, Sam'l L, and Nathaniel L Curry 3 = 51 75 $\quad 410\ 45$

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Lafayette*—First ch Kansas City Sab-sch 2 65. *Pby of Palmyra*—St Francisville ch 4 15. *Pby of Potosi*—Ironton ch 22 75. *Pby of St Louis*—Car Place ch, St Louis 24 70, Sab ch 32 73. Young People's Association 17 75 = 75 18; Washington Sab-sch 10 $\quad 114\ 73$

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Corisco*—Evangelimba ch 55; Benita ch 38. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—First ch Metuchin, ann'l col 73 25, mo con 21 79, Sab-sch 50 83 = 151 87; New Providence ch 10; 1st ch Rahway 92, Sab-sch 28 = 129; Perth Amboy ch 9. *Pby of Luzerne*—Hazleton ch 115 52; Eckley ch 22 84; White Haven ch 14 56; 2d ch Pottsville 20. *Pby of Monmouth*—First ch Millstone Sab-sch 5 50; Manalapan ch 35; Jamesburg Sab-sch 10. *Pby of Newton*—Upper Mt Bethel Sab-sch 2 10; Newton ch 222 05, mo con 6 10, Sab-sch to ed boy in China 57 50 = 265 65; Washingtonville Sab-sch 5 52; Phillipsburg ch 22 84, Sab-sch 27 = 49 84; Hackett-town ch, to sup Rev T S Wynkoop 550; Middle Smithfield ch 24; Blairtown ch 84. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Pennington ch, add'l 50; Lawrenceville ch 23, mo con 47 = 280. *Pby of Passaic*—Central ch, Orange, Sab-sch 80 90; Wickliffe ch, mo con 11 74; 1st ch Rutherford Park 25 14, Sab-sch, to con Wm Crane Life Member 30 = 55 14; 1st ch Morristown, to sup child at Shanghai 75; Chat-ham Village ch, Mt Vernon, Sab-sch 25; 3d ch Newark mo con 28 33. *Pby of Raritan*—Bloomsbury ch 76, Sab-sch 20 = 96; Frenchtown ch 25; 2d Amwell ch 4. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Elkhorn ch 2. *Pby of West Jersey*—May's Landing ch 20; Tuckahoe ch 1 29. Sab-sch 3 71 = 51. Hammon頓 ch 48 50, mo con 7 50, Sab-sch 36 = 92; Cape Island Sab-sch 10; 1st ch Cedarville 135 48; Wilhamstown ch 18 50; Woodbury ch 41 13 $\quad 2,643\ 62$

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Rye

ch. mo con 15 05; Croton Falls ch 10. *Pby of Hudson*—Hopewell ch 54 10; West Town ch 26 85; Sab-sch 12 15 = 39; Bloomingburg ch 8. *Pby of Long Island*—Second ch, Huntington 71; Holbrook ch 1; Seldon ch 1; Middletown ch 10 47. *Pby of Nassau*—Genevan ch. mo con 21; 1st ch. Brooklyn 81 57; South Third St ch, Williamsburg, mo con 51 62; Miss Bruce, 10; Sab-sch, for Corisco 40; American Indians 50; Futehguhr 25; Ningpo 25; Shanghai 35 = 236 62; Central ch, Brooklyn 88 03; Throop Ave ch, Brooklyn 11 06; Astoria ch, mo con 21 88; Lawrence st Sab-sch 20. *Pby of New York*—Fifth Ave and Nineteenth St ch, add'l 50; Brick ch, mo con 253 70; Mission ch, mo con 12 = 265 70; 1st ch, Jersey City, ann'l col 175; mo con 58 12; Sab-sch 50 = 283 12; 1st Edgewater ch, Staten Island, mo con 11 42; Forty-second st ch Sab-sch 79; Yorkville Sab-sch 15 44; Chelsea ch 15 80; Germanch New York 10; Eighty-fourth st ch New York 36 22; Westminster ch New York 71 18; Clarktown ch 1. *Pby of New York 2d*—Washington Heights ch 33; Peekskill ch, mo con 21; South Greenbank Sab-sch 35 51. *Pby of North River*—Marlborough ch, ann'l col 47 50; mo con 14 66; Sab-sch 6 34; Sab-sch West Neighborhood 3 50 = 72; Middle Hope ch, ann'l col 19 60; Sab-sch 3 16 = 22 76 1,712 93

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordsville*—West Lebanon Sab-sch 2 50; Crawfordsville Sab-sch, Mrs Coulter's class 7 75; New Hope ch 12; Waveland ch 40; Sab-sch 20 = 60; Thorntown ch 7 65. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—Second ch, Wabash, add'l 2; Decatur Sab-sch 9 40; 1st ch, Kendallville 13; Waterloo ch 4 15; Auburn ch 4 45. *Pby of Lake*—Millersburg ch 3 50. *Pby of Logansport*—Perryburg ch 7 133 40

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Columbus*—Truro Sab-sch 5. *Pby of Hocking*—New Plymouth ch 7. *Pby of Marion*—Liberty ch 5; Kingston ch 10; Radnor ch 7. *Pby of Richland*—Bloomfield ch 3; Mt Vernon ch 48 05; Lexington ch 45. *Pby of Wooster*—Chippewa ch 19 50; Sab-sch 5 50; Silver Creek Mission Sab-sch 5 80 = 30 80; Nashville ch 33 70; Sab-sch 67 cts = 36 37; East Hopewell Sab-sch 1 35; Dalton ch, to con Rev P M Semple and Rev E W Schwefel *Life members* 110; West Salem ch 5 68; Chester ch 16; Wayne ch 19; Congress ch 29 61; Apple Creek ch 47 70; Wooster ch 97 80; Fredericksburg Sab-sch 151. *Pby of Zanesville*—Coshocton ch 33; Sab-sch 20 = 53; 1st ch Washington Sab-sch 12; Buffalo ch 53; 2d ch Zanesville 36 829 37

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of California*—Calvary ch, San Francisco 412; premium on gold 128 540 00

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Columbia ch 161 42; Marietta ch 36 31; Sab-sch 36 76 to con Rev W J Bridgels and wife *Life members* 73 07; Leacock ch 41. *Pby of Huntington*—Peru ch 10; Lewistown ch 184 30; Wilhainsburg ch 52 25; Lower Tuscarora ch 136 10; Bethel ch 3. *Pby of New Castle*—Red Clay Creek ch 23; 1st ch, Wilmington 44 07; Sab-sch 37 40; = 81 47; White Clay Creek and Head of Christiansa chs 30; Fagg's Manor ch 104 63; Sab-sch 13 25; Chalmer's Miss'y Box 1 = 118 88. *Pby of Northumberland*—Bald Eagle and Nittany chs 65 21; savings of a little girl 1 = 66 21; Jersey Shore ch 88 70. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Media ch 81 5'; Ninth ch Phila Wm McArthur 10 90; Middletown ch 5; 1st African ch Phila 2 50; Chester ch 130; Westminster ch, Phila 20; Seventh ch, Phila, Miss C H for Miss Nassau's sch, Benito to ed two children 65; 10th ch Phil, mon col 81 10; Sixth ch Phil 71 75. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Central ch Phila 2,000; Kensington Sab-sch 143 03; Princeton Sab-sch 64 53; Spring Garden ch mo col 27 16; Sab-sch 42 35 = 69 51; Cohocksink ch 96 64; Phoenixville ch 12; Charlestown ch 7; North ch, mo col 107 93; Infant Sab-sch 7 = 114 93. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Second ch, Germantown, to sup girl at Dehra 45; Bristol ch 8 84 4,098 63

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—Ebensburg ch 15; Bairsville ch, add'l 22; Johnstown ch 6; Wilkinsburg ch 50 50; Beulah ch 63 65; Ligonier ch 40; Congruity ch 39 53; Sab-sch 3 15 = 42 68. *Pby of Clarion*—Clarion Sab-sch 23 85; Oak Grove ch 8. *Pby of Ohio*—North

Branch ch 12; Mt Carmel ch 16; Valley ch 22; Long Island Sab-sch 25. *Pby of Redstone*—Spring Hill Furnace ch 5 66; Rehoboth ch 40; Brownsville ch 41 50. *Pby of Saltsburg*—First ch Kittanning Sab-sch 39 69; Eldersridge ch 25 69; West Lebanon ch 17 61; Boiling Spring ch 33 50; Rural Valley ch 2 25; Bethesda ch 6 33 = 559 91

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—First ch, La Crosse 24 45. *Pby of St Paul*—Westminster ch, Minneapolis 3 54; Sab-sch 19 90 = 19 44. *Pby of S Minnesota*—Freeinont ch 1 35; St Charles ch 1; Utica ch 1; Waseca ch 1 48 24

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Findlay*—Delphos Sab-sch 2; Johnstown Sab-sch 2; Riley Creek ch 1; Shanesville ch 5; Harrison ch 5; Blue Creek ch 1 55. *Pby of Michigan*—Westminster Sab-sch Detroit 44 88; 1st ch, Plymouth 5, Rev Jas Dubuar 2 12 = 7 12; Woodhull ch 8 50. *Pby of Western Reserve*—Bedford ch 8 84 65

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—Oskaloosa ch 7. *Pby of Fairfield*—Birmingham ch 15 75. *Pby of Iowa*—Union Sab-sch, Fort Madison 12. *Pby of Missouri River*—Bedford ch 3 37 75

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Liberty ch 6; Middle Sandy ch 30; Salem ch 28; Sab-sch 15 19 = 43 19; Rehoboth ch 9. *Pby of Steubenville*—Two Ridges ch, 93 50, Estate of Nicholas Winters, dec'd 125 = 218 50; Beacon Ridge ch 37; East Springfield ch 24, Sab-sch 6 = 30; 2d ch, Steubenville 257 45, C G B and wife 150, Sab-sch 41 13, Miss O'Neil's class, for Allahabad sch 4 15 = 470 75; Waynesburg ch 23; Bethlehem ch 22; Island Creek ch 32 65; Minerva ch 8 50. *Pby of St Clairsville*—Short Creek ch 20 31, Sab-sch 10; Wheeling Valley ch 16 80, Sab-sch 4 71 = 21 51; Little York ch 11 46; Graysville ch 5 27; Rock Hill Branch Sab-sch 2. *Pby of Washington*—First ch, Wheeling, Sab-sch, for Corisco 75; Pigeon Creek Sab-sch, for Tungchow 28 55; East Buffalo ch 27 55; Fairview ch 9 33; Cameron ch 8; 1st ch, Washington 21 15; Upper Buffalo ch 55; Three Springs ch 7; Hookstown ch 30, Sab-sch 9 25 = 39 25; Frankfort ch 15; Burtgettstown ch 67 1,353 97

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Highland ch 8 25, W 50, F Wasson 5 = 63 25; Belleville ch 7, Sab-sch 1 50; Dayton ch 4, Sab-sch 50 cts = 4 50; Lake View ch, A A 2. *Pby of Milwaukee*—Waukesha ch 20. *Pby of Winnebago*—Kilbourn City Sab-sch Cent Soc'y 1 99 25

Total receipts from churches, \$17,126 82

LEGACIES.—Legacy of James Smith, dec'd, Hollidaysburg, Pa \$25 00

MISCELLANEOUS.—Two students 1 40; Robert Benner, Esq 50; L H, for China and India 2,000; G S M 50; A Friend 5; Wm Elliott, Birmingham, Iowa 25; Mrs M V Kronin, Neoga, Ill 1; L C, Maysville, Ky 8; A Friend 10; J F Bergen 130, and John Bergen 25, for scholars at Lodianna; Anna and Rosa 5; Secret Alms 5; Outsiders and Insiders, of Columbus Grove 20; Willie and Maggie, Port Deposit 3; John and Addison Ayers 26 43; A M Tully 1; A Friend 3; Rev Wm Scribner 10; Samuel Miller, Hammond, N Y 10; W H 5; H S B and wife 5; Freddie Cole, dec'd, gift by his mother 2; Bible Class of Sixth Ward Sab-sch, Williamsport, Pa, for Brazil 10; F J S 25; Mrs S N Rea 1; Gen'l Loomis 5; Wm Rankin 200; Mrs Mary R Mitchell, Phila 5; Henry Brewster, Shirleyburg, Pa 5; Rev H R Weed, D.D. West Phila 50; W P 20; North Cong'l ch, Enfield Conn, per Rev C A G Brigham, pastor 59 72; Foreign Missionary 4 50; Rev L D Potter and family, Glendale, Ohio 9 10; Mrs M Furman, Glendale, Ohio 1; Mrs S F, Glendale, Ohio 1; Miss C D Bonnel, Glendale, Ohio 2 2,794 15

Total Receipts in March, 1869, \$19,945 97

WM. RANKIN, Jr., Treasurer,
23 Centre Street, New York.

LETTERS relating to the Missions, or other operations of the Board, may be addressed to the Rev. JOHN C. LOWRIE, or Rev. DAVID IRVING, Secretaries, Mission House, 23 Centre street, New York.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

PUBLISHING HOUSE, 821 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

Letters relating to agencies, donations of books and tracts, the appointment of Colporteurs, manuscripts and books offered for publication, and the general interests of the Board, to be addressed to the Rev. WILLIAM E. SCHENCE, D.D.—Corresponding Secretary and Editor, No. 821 Chestnut street.

All communications, reports, remittances of money, donations, and orders for books, to be addressed to Mr. WINTHROP SARGENT, Superintendent of Colportage, Business Correspondent, and Treasurer.

Subscriptions to *The Record*, and the *Sabbath-School Visitor*, and payments for the same, to be addressed to Mr. PETER WALKER.

The First Sabbath in May.

The time appointed by the General Assembly—the *first Sabbath in May*—for the annual collection in all its churches on behalf of the *Colportage and Distribution Fund* of the Board of Publication, is again at hand. We therefore make this appeal, earnestly entreating all our pastors and stated supplies on that day to present this cause to their people and solicit a generous contribution on its behalf. Or should it from any cause be out of their power to take this collection on that particular day, will they not do so on the earliest practicable Sabbath afterwards?

In order to give the facts on which to found statements to their people, we give the following outline of the nature of this work as prosecuted by the Board.

USES OF THIS FUND.

The Colportage and Distribution Fund is established for the great purpose of supplying with the publications of the Board those who are without them, and not likely to obtain them by any of the ordinary channels of supply. Among these we may mention :

1. *A large majority of our Presbyterian Churches.* How important it is for these to be abundantly supplied with a choice religious literature, especially with a choice Presbyterian literature, which has a powerful tendency to convert, to enlighten, to sanctify and to edify its readers, every wise and faithful pastor knows. Every such pastor knows how desirable it is to have in all the households of his congregation, books and tracts which instead of controverting or even slighting the doctrines of our Church, honour our Standards, explain, illustrate, and defend their teachings, while at the same time they urge upon the conscience the grand truths of salvation by the Cross and the practical duties of life. He knows how active all sorts of errorists are in diffusing among his people fatal falsehood, or misstatements and erroneous views of the teachings of the Bible. He knows, too, how difficult it is to get even into Christian households just the kind of reading he prefers and feels to be most needful for his people. Peculiarly is this the case in the Western portions of our land, and in congregations remote from the larger cities. By means of its Colportage and Distribution Fund, which pays the salaries and expenses of its colporteur, and the cost of books and tracts they give away, the colporteur passes from congregation to congregation and from house to house, affording to the people the opportunity of supplying themselves with the varied and excellent publications of the Board, without the trouble of seeking them. In this way most effectively the measure is filled with pure wheat, and the chaff is kept out.

2. *The vast numbers of irreligious people, who are living and dying among our churches without enjoying any church privileges.* In every village and town and city there are numerous families who, through their own negligence and lack of love for such privileges, never frequent the house of God, and are under nobody's special pastoral charge. These are often difficult of access; indeed they are so numerous that no pastor can labour among them and for them all as he would desire. The colporteur, however, or the local book and tract distributor, may go

from house to house among them, leaving with blessed results the numerous publications of the Board adapted to their varied circumstances. Each one of these silent but powerful preachers becomes an effective assistant to the neighbouring pastor in his efforts to sow broadcast the truths of the gospel.

3. *The still greater masses of people who live beyond the sound of the preacher's voice and the field of his labours.* There are wide reaches of country along our sandy seaboard, among our mountain ranges, on our prairies, and in our western frontier regions, where scattered families and small settlements have no preached gospel. The aggregated number of these sheep living in such moral wildernesses, amounts to millions of souls in this vast country. How are they ever to be reached? We have neither enough ministers to go to them all, nor means to send them if they could be had. The only hope of reaching them is by sending the colporteur from house to house to converse with them about their souls' concerns, and point them to the Lamb of God, leaving with them some books and tracts to show more fully the way of salvation. By the help of its Colportage Fund the Board sends men to do this work.

4. *Many of our Ministers need and receive donations from this Fund.* One of the greatest trials of many Domestic Missionaries is to be without books and without means to buy them. *They need and long for refreshment for the mind.* And when they get it, their people at once share the benefits in the improved quality of their preaching. The Board rejoices by the help of this Fund occasionally to give suitable volumes to our needy ministers for their own use.

But our ministers need weapons of warfare as well as intellectual refreshment. Among their people cases of conscience will arise, some peculiarity of religious experience will appear, which some little volume or tract can best meet and direct. A state of religious declension or backsliding occurs: the pastor needs a supply of awakening tracts. The Lord sends a revival: he needs other tracts to deepen and perpetuate impressions, and to guide inquirers to Christ. A controversy will now and then arise with an Arminian, an Immersionist, a Ritualist, or some one else. He needs good reading on these points to strengthen and fortify his people. The Board's catalogue contains an ample armory for all such emergencies. Pastors are continually resorting to it to find what they want. But they are usually unable to purchase the books and tracts they need out of their own purses. From the Colportage and Distribution Fund the Board is glad to give them help.

5. *Many Sunday-schools need this Fund to aid them.* A little band of faithful but poor teachers somewhere gather a Sunday-school among the ignorant and neglected children of their neighbourhood. But they have not and cannot get the money to buy catechisms, hymn books, music books, Sabbath-school papers, or a suitable library for their school. They must have help from abroad or their efforts will fail. A Domestic Missionary in the far West gathers on his wide field of labour one, two, three, or half a dozen Sabbath-schools. But he has no money to spare, and the people are not yet able to give or trained to give. The literary apparatus for his schools must be obtained elsewhere, or they will have to be abandoned, and he will lose his hold on the rising generation. Where can he go for help? The Board of Publication is his resource. From its Colportage and Distribution Fund it is always ready to give such aid. During the past year the Board has done a great work by aiding many such needy and mission Sabbath-schools. It would have done far more, had its means been made more ample by the contributions of the churches.

6. We will only add here that *the Freedmen need such aid.* Millions of these are to-day exhibiting a wonderful thirst for knowledge. Our Assembly's Freedmen's Committee is sending among them teachers and missionaries as fast as it can. But these teachers and missionaries are sending back numerous and urgent appeals to the Board of Publication for grants of primers, tracts, catechisms, hymn-books, *Sabbath-school Visitors* and other reading matter. Touching appeals from the coloured people themselves often come. The General Assembly has directed the Board to help the Freedmen's Committee in this way: had it not done so, the Board would have no heart to refuse. Such grants have been numerously made last year. We hope the churches will give us the means to do much more next year.

Such are *some* of the uses of the Colportage and Distribution Fund. We might particularize much further. Are not these *good* uses? Ought not this Fund to have a liberal collection from *every one* of our churches?

WHAT THIS FUND DID LAST YEAR.

We think it may be safely said that a great and noble work was achieved by this Fund during the past year. Let us look at *some* of the things it has done.

1. It has enabled the Board to have in commission one hundred and fifty-five colporteurs. These have performed 11,167 days of labour in this service. They have laboured in twenty-four States from New-England to the Pacific Coast, besides the Dominion of Canada on our northern frontier. They formally report having visited families, with the great majority of which they have held prayer and religious conversation. Besides these families, they have conversed with and laboured among many thousands of persons by the wayside, and have sown the seed of truth in the most remote and unlikely places, in some of which the foot of the missionary has never trodden. What amount of blessing has followed this labour we cannot tell. The colporteur leaves his loving words, his earnest prayer, his little volumes and his tracts in the dwelling and passes on. Others may see it and may reap the fruits. But we hear now and then of blessed fruits which have followed.

2. This Fund last year enabled the Board, apart from its regular trade sales, to put into the hands of the people in widely distant parts of the country 109,184 volumes, and nearly 2,000,000 pages of tracts. Of these 46,978 volumes and all the tracts were distributed gratuitously. When we reflect upon the contents of these books and tracts, can we doubt that incalculable good has been done. Says a Minnesota pastor: “Years ago I organized a church, on the very outskirts of civilization. There was no evangelical minister in the regions beyond me. A moral waste seemed to stretch away to the distant mountains. But it was soon known that a church had been established in our little village, and people came long distances to attend our services. We had accessions to our number of members on several consecutive communion seasons. *The most of those whom I received during the first year, when asked how they were brought to Christ, referred their conversion to the reading of some pungent tract, or small religious book, left in their homes by a godly colporteur who passed that way, and was never seen again!* This is not an isolated case. In its main features it is a representative of thousands.”

3. Multitudes of scattered and starving sheep of our Presbyterian fold and of other Christian folds have received spiritual food. Is it not a solemn duty of the Church of Christ to look with especial care after its own scattered members? One colporteur writes: “Last night at dark I reached a house, where I found a husband and wife who had been members of our church in the East. *For eleven years they had not heard a Presbyterian sermon.* How glad they were to see me! This man has just told me of two more Presbyterian families living some nine miles west. These I hope to see to-day.” Another colporteur writes: “I am just in from the prairie, where I hope good has been done. I found there persons who had been members of our church in the East, and who received me as an old friend. One good old lady, who was formerly a member of Dr. Cumming’s church in London, *had not heard a Presbyterian minister for fourteen years.*” Many a hungry Christian has thus been fed, many a fainting one thus strengthened, many a backslider reclaimed.

4. Large numbers of mission and needy Sabbath-schools have been aided and strengthened by grants of books. Many of these have declared that the Board’s donation had put new life into them and secured for them a successful future, when without such aid they would probably have expired. One generous donor sent to our Fund about a year ago a donation of one thousand dollars for the express purpose of supplying Shorter Catechisms to needy Sabbath-schools, and for this sum over 80,000 Catechisms have been given. What a blessing would it be to the Church if we could give away five times as many next year!

5. Tens of thousands of Freedmen have been helped along the pathway of knowledge and especially of religious knowledge during the year by donations from the Fund. Apart from the benefit to them as individuals, what thoughtful men does not feel that whatever enlightens and elevates the coloured people of our land is a national blessing also?

WHAT IS DESIRED.

1. In order that this work may go forward and be enlarged, we earnestly

appeal to every pastor or stated supply, and to every session of a vacant church, to give us aid by securing a collection for our Fund on the FIRST SABBATH IN MAY. If not possible to do so on that day, then let it be on the earliest practicable Sabbath afterwards.

During the past year the Board received \$32,088 for this Fund, and expended \$32,347, or \$259 more than was received, in the prosecution of this work. Could it have received from the churches double the amount it did, every cent could have been most usefully employed. We need at least \$50,000 for the work of the year before us.

2. We appeal to pastors and sessions to aid us in securing a contribution from their Sabbath-schools according to the following resolution adopted by the last General Assembly:

Resolved, 4. That the Assembly hereby recommends that collections be taken up in our Sabbath-schools for this Board, and that the funds thus contributed be used in supplying libraries to Sabbath-schools in destitute neighbourhoods.

What work could be more appropriate for Sabbath-schools than that of helping other schools less favoured than themselves!

Help us, brethren, help us, we entreat you, to scatter more and more abundantly over this land the pages of pure religious truth. Help us to send to famishing and dying multitudes the precious spiritual food which only waits your bidding to be sent to them.

When collections have been taken, it is requested that they be remitted, as soon as convenient, to WINTHROP SARGENT, Esq., Treasurer of the Board, No. 821 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

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The Lord is Building the House.

A toiling missionary gives the following account of the struggles of a frontier church, in building their sanctuary. He says, "Our little vine was planted by the Great Gardener, in August last; consisting of four members, two of whom were Mrs. M—— and my son Frank, now at school, under the care of Presbytery. The other two poor as to this world's goods. A house of worship was deemed absolutely necessary, if we hoped to do much good. Many opposed our enterprise strenuously. The people soon sympathized with us, and though they could promise very little aid, they encouraged us to build. We made it a subject of special prayer, and felt that God said, 'Go forward.' Our application was made for aid and seven hundred dollars granted us (by the Board) less than we hoped, and so little that many feared we must delay. I thought not; if God go on, I doubted not he would provide the means. We procured lots. They cost us three hundred and fifty dollars. We had not a cent to buy lumber with. Mrs. M—— had a five hundred dollar Government bond, which she sold. The lumber was purchased at Minneapolis. It was shipped and was expected at once. But how was the freight to be paid? We asked God. Something said, 'Ask the people.' In about two hours I had the money in my hand, though the trustees thought it utterly useless to try to raise it in that way. The contract was closed with the carpenters—thought to be a very favorable one. One day it became necessary—very unexpectedly—to have fifty dollars. We were troubled. The mail came in, and lo! God sent us a draft from a friend for just fifty dollars. Whenever we need money, we ask God, and we get it. A festival brought us two hundred dollars—four times as much as we expected. When our way has been hedged up in one direction, it has been opened in another. One of my trustees, not a pious man, says our wonderful success can only be accounted for in one way, 'The Lord is building the house.'"

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Pby of Iowa—St Peter's ch, Ger	4 00	Pby of White Water—First ch, Richmond	12 00
Pby of Western Reserve—Bedford ch	5 40	Pby of Corisco—Evangazimba ch 2; Benita ch 1 50	3 50
Pby of New Castle—Coatsville ch 15; Kennet Square ch 7; Newark 8	30 00	Pby of Connecticut—Port Chester ch	18 00
Pby of Peoria—Henry ch	12 35	Pby of Louisville—Shelbyville ch	10 00
Pby of Richland—Lexington ch	8 00		
Pby of Cedar—Marion Sab-ch 2; Wilton and Sugar Creek chs 14	16 00		
Pby of Bloomington—Monticello ch 10; Bement ch 13	23 00		
Pby of Marion—Liberty ch	10 00		
Pby of Sangamon—Farmington ch	6 00		

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Total for March, \$12,919 16

DAVID KEITH, Treasurer,

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FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS,

AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

The following amounts have been received since last report, viz:

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Schenectady ch	\$100 00	
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Allegheny 1st Ger ch	4 14	
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Mill Creek ch	9 00	
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Frederick ch 25; Westminster ch 122	147 00	
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Falling Spring ch 65 75; Central ch 5; Great Conewago ch 20; Cumberland ch 70 25; Centre ch 15	176 00	
<i>Pby of Potowmec</i> —New York Ave Washington ch 100; Lewinsville and Falls chs 7	107 00	
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Freeport 2d ch 11; Sab-sch of Freeport 5	16 00	
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Lexington ch	10 00	
<i>Pby of Palestine</i> —Charleston ch	15 00	
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Princeville ch 24 15; Farmington ch 10; Henry ch 12 35	46 50	
<i>Pby of New Albany</i> —Jackson County Ger ch	5 00	
<i>Pby of White Water</i> —Richmond 1st ch	9 00	
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Iowa City 1st ch	20 00	
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Sherrill's Mount ch	8 80	
<i>Pby of St Louis</i> —St Louis 2d ch 117 70; Nazareth Ger ch 6 20	123 90	
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Plainfield ch	25 00	
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Manalapan ch 15; Red Bank ch 7	22 00	
<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Monroeton ch 7; Elkland ch 10	17 00	
<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —Frenchtown ch	16 00	
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Cedarville ch 36; Woodbury ch 20	56 00	
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Rye ch 45 79; Port Chester ch 12	57 79	
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Lawrence St ch	2 00	
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Clarkstown ch	2 00	
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —Warsaw ch	12 00	
<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —London ch	1 00	
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Liberty ch	5 50	
<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Lexington ch	16 00	
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Fredericksburg ch	28 00	
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Washington ch	30 50	
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Bald Eagle and Nitany ch 19 12; Buffalo ch 25 25	44 37	
		\$1,661 48
"S F D" of Kingston, Pa		5 00
"M P"		5 00
David Irving, for a dec'd friend		125 00
James Smith's legacy		25 00
		\$1,821 48

GEO. H. VAN GELDER,
Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly,
Office, No. 320 Walnut Street.

Philadelphia, April 5th, 1869.

In remitting money to this Fund, the name of the Church and Presbytery to which it belongs should be distinctly stated, that it may be correctly acknowledged. And where checks or drafts are sent they should be drawn to the order of "GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer."

An eminent divine has said: "The love of money has proved the eternal overthrow of more professing Christians than any other sin, because it is almost the only crime that can be perpetrated, and yet anything like a decent profession of religion maintained." It is to be feared that a careful study of the visible Church in both the present and the past would prove this statement to be true. Startling fact! Solemn warning! Professed believer, is this your case? Search that deceitful heart well by every scriptural test. Hasten to escape the danger, by giving of your worldly substance, giving *liberally*, giving *systematically*, giving with a *willing heart*, giving for the sake of Jesus "who gave himself for us."

The children of the Sabbath-school of the church of Camden, Illinois (Rev. W. W. Moorhead, pastor), recently contributed seven dollars to the Fund for Disabled Ministers. We commend their example to other Sabbath-schools. Why should not the aged be remembered by the young?

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

Rev. S. C. LOGAN, Corresponding Secretary. DAVID ROBINSON, Esq., Treasurer, Box 224, Pittsburgh, Pa.
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The Romish Gospel to Freedmen.

We have from time to time warned the Church of the various forces and agencies, infidel and semi-religious, which are ultimately to determine the character of the freed people. The real power of these forces is to be determined, in great measure, by the natural traits and present intelligence of this race. Having carefully considered these, we are persuaded that a people cannot be found who are more fully prepared to receive the blasphemous superstitions of the Romish Church. We warn all Protestants, that the priests and teachers of Romanism are working with an energy worthy of our imitation. We give an exact copy of a paper, which the priests are circulating at this time among the freedmen of South Carolina. Let Christians ponder it well, in view of the present condition of the people. Are Presbyterian Christians willing to give up the coloured race to the tender mercies of such teachers? Just imagine the thousands reaching the consciousness of safety as they rest at night, with this Romish gospel under their heads. It is as follows:—

A Copy of a Letter from Jesus Christ,

And found eighteen miles from Iconium, sixty-five years after our blessed Saviour's Crucifixion, transmitted from the holy city by a converted Jew; faithfully translated from the original Hebrew copy, now in possession of the Lady Cuba's family at Mesopotamia. This letter was written by *Jesus Christ*, and found under a great stone, both round and large, at the foot of the Cross, eighteen miles from Iconium, near a village called Mesopotamia; upon that stone was written and engraved, "*Blessed is he that shall turn me over.*" All people that saw it, prayed to God earnestly, and desired that he would make known to them the meaning of this writing; that they might not attempt in vain to turn it over. In the meantime there came a little child, about six or seven years old, and turned it over without help, to the admiration of all the people that stood by, and under this stone was found a letter written by *Jesus Christ*, which was carried to the city of Iconium, and there published by a person belonging to the Lady Cuba, and on the letter was written, *The Commandments of Jesus Christ*, signed by the Angel Gabriel, twenty-eight years after our Saviour's birth.

A Letter of Jesus Christ.

Whoever worketh on the Sabbath day shall be cursed; I command you to go to Church, and keep the Lord's day holy, without doing any manner of work. You shall not idly mis-spend your time in bedecking yourselves with superfluities of costly apparel, and in dresses, for I have ordained it a day of rest, I will have it kept holy, that your sins may be forgiven you. You shall not break my commandments, but observe and keep them written with my own hand, write them in your hearts, and steadfastly observe this was written with my own hand, spoken with my own mouth. You shall not only go to Church yourselves, but also your man servants and your maid servants, and observe my words and learn my Commandments. You shall finish your labour every Saturday in the afternoon by six of the clock, at which hour the preparation for the Sabbath begins. I advise you to fast five Fridays in every year, beginning with Good Friday, and to continue the four Fridays immediately following, in remembrance of the five bloody wounds I received for all mankind. You shall diligently and peaceably labour in your respective vocations, wherein it hath pleased God to call you. You shall love one another with brotherly love, and cause them that are not baptized to come to Church and hear the holy Sacrament, viz: Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and be made members thereof; in so doing I will give you long life and many blessings, and your land shall replenish and bring forth abundance. I will give you many

blessings, and comfort you in the greatest temptations, and surely he that doth to the contrary, shall be cursed and unprofitable. I will also send hardness of heart upon them, till I have destroyed them, but especially upon the hardened and impenitent unbeliever. He that hath given to the poor shall not be unprofitable.

Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day, for the seventh day I have taken to myself; and he that hath a copy of this letter written with my own hand and spoken with my own mouth, and keep it without publishing it to others, shall not prosper, but he that shall publish it to others shall be blessed of me, and though his sins be in number as the stars in the sky, and he believes in this, shall be pardoned, and if he believes not this writing and my Commandments, I will send my plagues upon him, and consume both him and his children and his cattle; and whosoever shall have a copy of this letter written with my own hand, and keep it in their houses, nothing shall hurt them, neither pestilence, lightning, nor thunder shall do them any hurt; and if a woman be with child and in labour, a copy of this letter be about her, and she firmly put her trust in me, she shall safely be delivered of her birth. You shall have no news of me, but by the Holy Spirit till the Day of Judgment.

All prosperity shall be in the house where a copy of this letter shall be found.

DONATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN IN MARCH, 1869.

<i>Pby of Atlantic</i> —John's Island coloured sch 1 50;	<i>Pby of New York</i> —Westminster ch, Yonkers	
James' Island coloured sch 21 85; Rosindale coloured sch 26 26; Bladen coloured sch 7 77;	\$12 35	
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<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Pleasant Valley ch 17 28		
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —First Ger ch Allegheny 4 14; Sab-sch 1st Pres ch Sewickley 73 77 14	25 00	
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Westminster ch, Baltimore 168; Westminster ch coloured sch 5; Frederick ch 17	4 00	
	10 00	
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Genesee ch 6 00	9 00	
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Armagh ch 7; Centreville ch 3	10 00	
	10 00	
<i>Pby of Burlington</i> —First ch Camden, add'l 45 98		
<i>Pby of Catawba</i> —Freedmen's ch, for the year 130; Pittsburgh ch, for the year 30; Logan ch, for the year 50; Cameron ch, for the year 100; New Centre ch, for the year 40; McClintock ch, in Feby 25; Charlotte ch, to buy a bell 89; Charlotte sch 19 30; Woodland ch 6; Mt Olives ch 5; Miranda ch 14; Poplar Tent ch, Febrary and March 19; Franklinton ch 9; Louisburg ch 9 35; White Hall ch 6 ets; Bethpage ch 4 10; Lexington ch 3; Concord ch, to buy lot 61 72; Salisbury ch 5; Mocksville ch 19 50; Mt Vernon ch 7 75; Mt Zion ch 1 75; Henderson ch and sch 35; Greensboro' ch and sch 29 712 53	4 00	
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —North Bend ch	2 00	
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Somerset ch 5; Montgomery ch 16	21 00	
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Port Chester ch	10 00	
<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —Westminster ch, Columbus	51 25	
<i>Pby of Crawfordsville</i> —Waveland ch	26 00	
<i>Pby of Corisco</i> —Evangazimba ch 6; Benita ch 1 25	7 25	
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —North Fork ch	24 44	
<i>Pby of Dane</i> —Pulaski ch	5 00	
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Lancaster ch	23 25	
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —Auburn ch 4 20; Waterloo ch 4 20	8 40	
<i>Pby of Franklin</i> —West Union ch	4 33	
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —West Town ch	14 16	
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Academia ch 23 63; Mifflintown and Lost Creek ch 37 55	61 18	
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —St Peter's Evang Ger ch	6 00	
<i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —Acton ch	5 00	
<i>Pby of Knox</i> —Macon ch and sch, for building, etc	743 60	
<i>Pby of Louisville</i> —Olivet ch	5 00	
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Liberty ch 5 30; Rodney ch 4	9 30	
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Tom's River ch 5 25; Red Bank ch 20; Freehold Village ch 20; Manchester ch 7	52 25	
<i>Pby of Michigan</i> —Westminster Detroit ch 43 69; Woodhull ch 4	47 69	
	257 88	
	Total amount rec'd from Churches	\$4,013 24
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	Mary Cameron, Glasgow, Ohio 2; "Widow's Mite" 6 23; Sally Cooper, col'd, Georgetown, D C 10; Miss Watt, Teacher 20; H Lloyd, Esq, Pittsburgh, Pa 40; Unknown 15; Alfred Hand, Esq, Scranton, Pa 26; Esther Templin, of Marshall, Ohio 5; "Anxious Inquirer" Phila 1; Russel Grove col'd sch 60 cts; Quindaro col'd sch 35; Columbia, Tenn, col'd sch and ch 97 03	
		257 88
	Total receipts in March,	\$4,271 12
	D. ROBINSON, Treasurer, No. 78 Fourth Street, Pittsburgh.	

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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Then and Now.

SHENANDOAH CITY, Penna.

Dear Brother,—I herewith send my second yearly report concerning this missionary field, and respectfully apply for the quarter's appropriation.

I. SHENANDOAH CITY. One year ago we worshipped in a school-house, noted only for its filth. Now we have a neat church capable of holding one hundred and sixty or one hundred and seventy, and nearly all paid for, and that without applying to the Board of Church Extension, or going to city churches. We hope that the debt will soon be extinguished, but the frequent strikes greatly hinder us. One year ago we had no Sabbath-school, but now we have over one hundred scholars on our roll. We have secured a library, good teachers in the main, a good assistant (I am superintendent) superintendent, one hundred copies of the Presbyterian Sabbath-school Visitor, &c. Our school does very well on the whole. One year ago we had no professors of religion here, but God poured out his Holy Spirit, and we organized a church this last spring of twelve members, which has since increased to eighteen. One year ago we had services here every

other Sabbath *once*, now we have service once every Sabbath. Some that never, or scarcely ever came to church, when I first came, are quite regular now. Some who were careless are now thoughtful, and, I believe, prayerful, and I have hopes of an outpouring of God's Spirit this winter. If, as our Saviour assures us, one soul is worth more than the world, then we have cause for abundant rejoicing at the work done here, for I hope that twenty were born again since last December —. Pecuniarily we are doing moderately here.

II. MAHANOY PLANES. I can see but little fruit here. The attendance is better than it was—the Sabbath-school has been kept up by urging things, and I have hopes of seeing some results. The place is growing—contains now considerably over one thousand inhabitants, and I am the only preacher there of any denomination whatever. There are several good Christians there. Pecuniary matters satisfactory.

III. BEAR RUN. I preach here as at Mahanoy Planes, every other Sabbath, and trust that four souls have been born from darkness into light. Sabbath-school is kept up winter and summer. Much good has been accom-

plished, and a change is quite manifest there. Several families have moved away, and only about one-half of the money formerly raised can be secured—hardly that. No one else preaches there, so that I cannot leave with a good conscience if I would. Population runs into the hundreds, and within a circuit of one-half a mile is considerably over one thousand.

IV. GRISCOMS. Though the population there and near there was over one thousand at one time, the “great strike” did not leave any hearers. They are beginning to return slowly—have not had services there for two months. I would like to preach at Delano, if I could, but can’t arrange it at present. Two men could be profitably employed here, in supplying destitute places. I climb mountains, till I can hardly move, and yet can’t reach half the places. This is a *very* hard field—the physical labour is heavy—I might say terrible, and the people all poor—some of them have been great sufferers.

This year I preached a sermon, &c., designing to *double* our last year’s subscriptions in the churches. I have one place to take up from yet, which will make it double—hope to get ten or twelve dollars from Sabbath-school beside. I made an earnest appeal for the Board, telling them though poor I *must* give five dollars myself. They therefore *quadrupled*—last year five dollars, this over twenty dollars. Had I but two dollars, I said I would give *one* to God.

Yours in Christ,

W. E. H.

A Wide and Promising Field.

ATHENS, Missouri.

The first quarter of my missionary year has closed. In this report I will study brevity. Permit me to say in the outset that I am at present the only minister adhering to the General Assembly in all that portion of Northeast Missouri, which lies north of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad, and east

of North Missouri Railroad, which intersects the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad at Macon City, and runs thence through Kirksville to the Iowa State line. My field is in Clark County at the extreme northeast point of this large and destitute territory. My commission is for the church of Athens and vicinity, the word in the application was *vicinities*. The church is named from the village of Athens of eighty families on the south bank of the Des Moines River, and twenty miles from its mouth. On the opposite side of the river is Croton, a small village and station on the Des Moines Valley Railroad. The river at this point forms the State line. The territory of the Athens church lies therefore wholly in Missouri, and in the form of a semi-circle.

At a point eight miles southwest of Athens I established a mission at the opening of the year for one Sabbath in each month. On the second Sabbath of October a church was partially organized at this point. The organization when completed will consist of ten or twelve members, with two good men as ruling elders.

Prior to my appointment the people in that neighbourhood had no preaching except one Sabbath in the month by a Methodist itinerant. The enterprise I regard as hopeful. At another point seven miles northwest of Athens I also preached one Sabbath in the month. It is yet uncertain whether the nucleus of a church can be gathered at this point. I live in the country four miles west of Athens, near the centre of the triangle formed by Athens and the two points mentioned above. One-half of my time is given to the church of Athens, the first Sabbath of the month in the village and the third Sabbath in the neighbourhood I live in. On the second Sabbath I am at Chambersburg (southwest point), and on the fourth Sabbath at the Duncan School House (northwest point). The land in this region is very good. The population in

now dense and increasing. The people are plain, but industrious and enterprising, and seem anxious to have the gospel. Intelligent, plain, earnest off-hand preaching is the kind they prefer, the only kind in fact that will reach them. My field is truly missionary ground. At the three angular points I preach in large school houses. At the central one, we have the use of a small Congregational church. The attendance on public worship is generally good, and the attention good—often close and solemn. There is a Sabbath-school at each point, except the Duncan School House; none of them, however, distinctively Presbyterian.

Since my last report, two ruling elders have been elected and duly inducted into office in the Athens church, and also three members added on certificate. The church now consists of twenty communicants, of whom three are ruling elders, all good men.

I might say much. I forbear. I have said enough to show that my field is white unto the harvest, and that if the sickle is thrust in quickly and with earnestness and energy, a precious harvest may be gathered for the Lord.

Rapid Progress.

Missouri.

Dear Sir:—I make this my first quarterly report of my third year's labour here. I was installed at Brookfield, the second Sabbath of this month. It was the second anniversary of the organization of our church here. We organized here on the second Sabbath, November, 1866, with eleven members. The second Sabbath of November, 1867, we had twenty-two. The second Sab-

bath of November, 1868, we had sixty-six. We have received four since, making in all seventy. We organized our Sabbath-school, April, 1867, with thirteen scholars and teachers. We now have over sixty. A prayer-meeting was commenced the first week of our organized existence, and has been continued ever since. The young men hold a separate prayer-meeting every Saturday night. I spend three Sabbaths each month here, the other at missionary points. One place, P—— School House, fifteen miles southwest of here, is a promising point. I go there next Sabbath, and may organize a church there some time this winter. Our county town is becoming a field of interest. It is thirty years old, and I preached the second Old School sermon that was ever preached there, a few weeks ago. I am truly grateful that you have been able to send me a commission for this year. I did not know what I should do without this aid. I know you would do all you could to help us, and so I thanked God and took courage.

Colorado.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee, the Rev. A. R. Day and the Rev. Charles M. Campbell were appointed missionaries in Colorado. The latter to Denver City and the former to Valmont and Boulder City.

Both these brethren have entered upon their important work, and we hope their labours will be speedily crowned with the Divine blessing.

There are various other points in Colorado and adjoining Territories, which the Committee will occupy as speedily as the means at their disposal will allow.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN APRIL, 1869.

*SYNOD OF ALBANY.—Pby of Albany—Scheneck ch 245 76; Saratoga Springs ch, mon col 50.
Pby of Londonderry—Newburyport 2d ch 34.
Pby of Troy—Second ch Troy 248 20 \$577 96*

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—Pby of Allegheny—Rich Hill ch 7 00

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—Pby of Baltimore—Harmon ch 56 75; Ellicott's City ch, in part 9; Baltimore 12th ch 80; Westminster ch, Baltimore, from —, for Nebraska 100 Pby of Carlisle—Big Spring ch 121; Bloomfield ch 9 28. Pby of Cutawa—Poplar Teat ch 2 50; Geo M Ochler

10. <i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Capitol Hill ch 76 50; Seventh St ch, Washington, from the Youth's Miss'y Soc'y 50	514 63	—Neshaminy ch 9; Holmesburg ch mo col 14; Easton 1st ch, add'l 50	278 00
SYNOD OF BUFFALO.— <i>Pby of Rochester City</i> —Rochester 1st ch	83 00	SYNOD OF PITTSBURG.— <i>Pby of Clarion</i> —New Rehoboth ch, add'l 50 cts. <i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Grace, Coloured, ch 7 30. <i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Centre ch 4 60; Indiana ch, a friend 5; Plum Creek ch 39 56 40	
SYNOD OF CHICAGO.— <i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Linn and Hebron chs 15 30; Willow Creek ch 20 98. <i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Pilot Grove ch 4; Pittsfield ch 3 43 28		SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.— <i>Pby of Southern Minnesota</i> —Preston ch, add'l 1; Kasson ch 5; Claremont ch 5	
SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.— <i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Bainbridge ch 5. <i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Feesburg ch 5; Glendale 1st ch 32 97. <i>Pby of Miami</i> —Second ch Springfield, from the Sab-sch 50. <i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Harmony ch 20. <i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Spring Hills ch 17 30; De Graff ch 11 55; Huntsville ch 8 25; Mt Jefferson ch 2	152 07	SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.— <i>Pby of Findlay</i> —Kenton ch 11 50. <i>Pby of Michigan</i> —South Lyon ch, add'l 10; Hudson ch 5. <i>Pby of Western Reserve</i> —Northfield ch, from Miss Jane McConaughay 5; Springfield ch 8 60	40 10
SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.— <i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Eureka ch 2; Galloway ch 10. <i>Pby of Kaskaskia</i> —Hillsboro' ch 20. <i>Pby of Palestine</i> —Pleasant Prairie ch 23; Arcola ch 18 25; Milton Station ch 10; Rev E Howell 5. <i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Peoria 2d ch 108 50. <i>Pby of Saline</i> —Odin ch 2 97	199 72	SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.— <i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Vernon Prairie ch, add'l 4; Bonaparte ch 4. <i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Round Prairie ch 7 25; Burlington ch 35	
SYNOD OF INDIANA.— <i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —Greenfield ch 4 10; Bethany ch 9 50. <i>Pby of New Albany</i> —First ch New Albany 85. <i>Pby of White Water</i> —Sardinia ch 5 65; Dunlapsville ch 4 50 109 75		SYNOD OF WHEELING.— <i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Bethesda ch 7; Alliance ch 12; Bethel ch 20; Madison ch 18. <i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Freeport ch 5; Bellair ch 40 50, of which Sab-sch 18. <i>Pby of Washington</i> —Washington 1st ch 16 25. <i>Pby of West Virginia</i> —Kanawha ch 10; Kingwood ch 7 141 75	
SYNOD OF IOWA.— <i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Independence ch, bal 2. <i>Pby of Frankville</i> —West Union ch 4 94; Rossville ch 6	12 94	SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.— <i>Pby of Milwaukee</i> —Waukesha ch Sab-sch	5 35
SYNOD OF KANSAS.— <i>Pby of Leavenworth</i> —Leavenworth 1st ch	104 00	Total received from churches,	\$6,106 07
SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.— <i>Pby of Paducah</i> —Princeton ch 30. <i>Pby of Transylvania</i> —Burksville ch 11 20. <i>Pby of West Lexington</i> —Bethel ch 20 61 20		LEGACIES.—Bequest of Mrs. Margareta T Rea, dec'd, late of Strattonville, Pa 12; Bequest of Rev Jas H Donaldson, dec'd, late of Schellsburg, Pa 50; Estate of Mrs Jane McClure, Pa 323 33 395 33	
SYNOD OF MISSOURI.— <i>Pby of St Louis</i> —Nazareth Ger ch 12 50		MISCELLANEOUS.—ER, Philadelphia 10; A Friend, through Miss R Falls, Baltimore 3; Rev Jas Crawford, Iowa 1; "L," Delaware 1 50; Rev John Newton, Birdseye Ridge, Mo 10; A Friend 75; Mrs Clark 1; Wm Shear, Augusta Ga 10; A Friend 1	112 50
SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.— <i>Pby of Burlington</i> —Burlington ch, bal 32 34; Columbus ch 8. <i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Logansville Sab-sch 1 50. <i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Wilkesbarre ch Sab-sch 175; Archibald Ger ch 5; Kingston ch 75, of which Sab-sch 23 12; Wyoming ch 10 75. <i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Matawan ch 56 38. <i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Titusville ch 40. <i>Pby of Newton</i> —Knowlton ch 13; Belvidere ch, a special col 35. <i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Mt Freedom ch 70; Morristown 1st ch, quarterly col 149 32; Connecticut Farm ch 58 08, of which 23 08 from the Sab-sch; Springfield ch 50 45; Chester ch, from Miss Mary H Woodhull 25. <i>Pby of Raritan</i> —Fairmount ch 15. <i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Towanda ch 65 86, of which 96 cts from children of Rev S F Colt, and 2 50 special; Wyallusing 2d ch 20. <i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Deerfield ch 101 23, of which Sab-sch 9, less 20 for <i>Record</i> = 81 23; Cold Spring ch 45	1,031 91	Total Receipts in April, 1869,	\$6,613 90
SYNOD OF NEW YORK.— <i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Bridgeport ch 57; Mt Kisco ch 18 33. <i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Jefferson Ger ch 7; Middletown 2d ch 69 55; Milford ch 15. <i>Pby of New York</i> —University Place ch, New York 2,296 75; Alexander ch 8 65 2,472 78		S. D. POWEL, Treasurer, No. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia.	
SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.— <i>Pby of Crawfordsville</i> —Rockville ch 9 50. <i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —Kendallville 1st ch 41. <i>Pby of Lake</i> —Sumption's Prairie ch 10; Millerton ch 7 50. <i>Pby of Muncey</i> —Prospect ch 3 50; New Castle ch 5 76 50		CLOTHING.	
SYNOD OF OHIO.— <i>Pby of Hocking</i> —Athens 1st ch 5. <i>Pby of Marion</i> —Rodney ch 4. <i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Senecaville ch 31 25	40 25	1 small package from Miss S J C, Ohio, value not given.	
SYNOD OF PACIFIC.— <i>Pby of Benicia</i> —Big Valley ch 24 33, of which 9 67 from Bloomington congregation	24 33	1 box from the Ladies of Ross St ch, Brooklyn, N Y, valued at	\$426 91
SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.— <i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Middle Octoarach ch 79. <i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Martinsburg ch 14; One half of Presbyterian col 18; Shirleysburg ch, from Mrs M Brewster 5; Mt Union ch 5. <i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Zion ch 20; Rock ch 20. <i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Berwick ch 14; Bald Eagle and Nittany ch, from Mrs W Wallace Brown 5. <i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Princeton ch Sab-sch 25. <i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i>		3 boxes from the Ladies' Society of 7th ch, Philadelphia, Pa, valued at	915 00
		1 box from the Ladies of Saratoga Springs ch, value not given.	
		2 boxes from the 1st ch, Trenton, N J, valued at	314 29
		1 box from the Ladies' of Middletown 2d ch, N Y, valued at	160 00
		1 box from the Central ch, Genesco, N Y, valued at	100 00
		10 boxes from the Ladies' Missionary Society of the 10th ch, Philadelphia, Pa, valued at	2,250 00
			\$4,166 20
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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTEOUS, BUT THE LABOUREES ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

The Last Hours of a dear Lover of Jesus.

A young gentleman, profitably employed as a civil engineer and superintendent of a coal mining company, in the anthracite coal district of Northeastern Pennsylvania, had presented to his soul, amidst his responsible employments, this question, How can I best serve Jesus? In the gloom of the mine, in the solitude of lonely places, even in the midst of the noise of crowds, still the deep question, struggling for recognition, and reply was this:

His intellectual capacity, his refinement, his genial and gentlemanly address, his decided and reliable moral traits were a foundation which seemed to promise fortune and honour as the reward of continued exertion in his profession. But here was Jesus before him, with one hand uplifted as if in sad admonition, and the finger of the other pointing him in a different direction. Could he turn away, when that dear Friend, who loved him, and died for him, said to his secret spirit, Come, follow Me?

He gave up all, and followed him. And the same willing obedience, and the same ardent and deep love for Christ, sent him with his young family to the most instant Northwest, to labour as a humble missionary among a people who were able to pay him but two or three or four hundred dollars a year, but whose souls were as dear to him for Jesus' sake as though they were possessed of millions.

The life of our friend in this new field was a happy one. He laboured with his whole heart in his work. And the people reciprocated his efforts for good to them by a sincere and cordial love for him. What they could not give in money they tried to do in kind presents of the necessities of life. One brought some wheat, another some article of comfort for the use of himself or a member of the family. And the smile of the Saviour's approbation seemed to rest upon what he did. Souls were converted; the young were drawn to the path of peace; and religion was honoured in the community.

A call from a position of greater usefulness in an adjoining State led him to change his sphere of labour. He was there but a few months. He is dead. We find in one of our religious papers the narrative of his last days. It shows that Jesus having loved him as his own in the world, loved him unto the end.

"He entered upon his new field of labour with zeal perhaps beyond his physical ability. His health soon became impaired, but he continued to meet all his appointments, with one or two exceptions, until within a week of his death, when he was attacked with pleurisy. When informed that he would probably not recover, he smiled, and said that he was glad, but was afraid the news was too good to be true. Turning to his wife and children, he said, much as I love you all, I love Jesus more. Having requested the others to retire, he commended his wife and each of his children to Jesus. His sufferings were severe, and his mind at times delirious, but the mention of Jesus' name would restore his reason, and he would again be able to converse intelligently. A few hours before his death, when asked by a ministerial brother if he had the support of religion, he replied, 'O wonderfully—I could not have believed that one could be so sure of Heaven.' 'Just as

I am, without one plea,' etc., was often on his lips. He felt a very deep interest in the church he was serving. It was often the subject of his prayers, even during his last hours. A few minutes before his death, he requested all to stand and repeat in concert the Lord's prayer, and raising himself up in his bed, he repeated it with them, uttering every word distinctly. At one o'clock, on Friday morning, he fell asleep in Jesus."

Thus departed, to a heavenly recompense, the Rev. John Frothingham, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. His work in the ministry had been a continual joy to him. To engage in it he had given up more than most persons. But one of his last requests to her who had faithfully and willingly shared his toils and his trials was, that the two young sons whom he left should be trained up to follow in his footsteps as preachers of the gospel. It may be well for the reader to ask in the light of that upper life upon which this faithful servant of One whose face is there unveiled has entered: Was his wish a wise one?

Recommendation from a Minister to Students in regard to Teaching.

Not a few students will be engaged in teaching during the summer. The following advice to such will be timely. The experience gained by them in the school room will be of inestimable value in all their subsequent life as ministers of the gospel.

"I think that I can safely say, that much good was accomplished intellectually, morally, and religiously during the time I taught. Teaching brings one in contact with old and young, children and parents, and affords a good opportunity for becoming thorough in the arts and sciences; and I would recommend that more of our young men would adopt this course and provide means for their own support in the prosecution of their studies after graduating. There is too much of a disposition among some candidates to take all they can. If they are not successful useful teachers, I would have serious doubts about them being useful in the ministry. I have very little confidence in men who are not successful in anything else being successful in the ministry. Indeed it requires a man who can do almost anything else, and be successful, to be every thing that one should be in the faithful discharge of the pastoral office."

What a Pastor did for Africa.

On the banks of the Susquehanna was once settled a Presbyterian pastor (yet alive) whom God afflicted with sickness. In the midst of languor and disease, it was sweet for him to look to Christ, and to form high and solemn resolves to live more unreservedly to his glory if life were spared. His meditations were one day interrupted by the hymns of praise which a young carpenter mingled with his daily work. And the sick man heard them. His pious and enterprising soul soon suggested the question, "Why may not this young carpenter glorify the son of Joseph in the ministry of salvation?" He immediately determined that, if the youth were of a suitable character, and had a love of souls, he would educate

him in the hope that the Spirit of Christ would count him worthy of the sacred calling. The pastor insisted upon his wife's inviting the young man to lead in family prayers, which he did with unusual unction. Inquiries justified the favorable impression received. The pastor recovers. The carpenter lays aside his plane and his saw. He enters an academy, and then a college. He determines, by the grace of God, to devote himself to the ministry, and to be missionary to the heathen. He enters Princeton Seminary. The peculiaravour of his piety is yet held in sacred remembrance there. He sails for Africa and enters her vast fields waving with the harvest. In the midst of his labours the noon-day sun smote down the reaper; but doubtless he was carri-

home rejoicing, "bringing his sheaves with him." From the mansions of glory, he testifies to the precious influences of a pastor's care.—*Rev. Dr. Van Rensselaer—Annual Report 1847.*

Cheering Letter from a Minister's Daughter.

Letters like the following greatly encourage the hearts of those labouring to carry forward the work of the Church.

Dear Sir,— A daughter, in looking over the little treasures of a mother now in heaven, found a box containing one, two, three, and five cent pieces, amounting in all to one dollar and a half.

Her heart will not let her spend the money, and yet it must not lie idle. So she sends it to the School Department of the Board of Education, as having belonged to one, who, in her life, was an ardent friend of education.

The writer of this has already given her annual contribution to the Board of Education, and cannot afford to add anything further. She, however, gives you her prayers, and would send you thousands of dollars, if she could.

With great respect, yours, &c.,
A MINISTER'S DAUGHTER.

A Grateful Heart.

A beloved brother in the ministry writes in the following pleasant way of his numerous reasons for gratitude to God, since, by the aid of the Board of Education, he was enabled to take up the blest work of a herald of salvation:

I thank God for giving me a companion in every way adapted to the sphere I have chosen; whose counsels are wise, whose example is instructive, and who can win the love of all. You will know her in heaven. After this I would bless Him for the kind and affectionate intercourse of *the truly good* of all churches. Then for the continued and patient attention of the people to such utterly inadequate ministrations. Above and beyond all this, however, is the spiritual consolations of a life enclosed as it were on all sides within the influences of the gospel, and the permitting and requiring such intimate relations with Jesus. Of external results I may mention the following:—The result of my first year, inducing a church to stand alone, and put on an active instead of a passive form of life. During the second year, a gentle and very refreshing shower of divine grace, in which some, not many, souls were born again. During the third year, a gathering up of the loose ends and confidences of this people, and securing the order and harmony, as well as benevolent exertions of this church. During the fourth and last, the presence of God's Spirit in some measure reviving Christians and converting others. Twenty-five have been added to this church during my acquaintance with it, and perhaps nearly the same number to the churches where I preached for a year in Ohio. About twenty souls have, as I hope, been born again in connection with these churches during these years. I have seen enough to convince me that God is faithful, and when his people are so, they will discover it.

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN APRIL, 1869.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

Pby of Albany—Gloversville ch 72 11; State St ch 100; Saratoga Springs ch 25; Tribes Hill ch 8 37; Amsterdam ch 8; Mariaville ch 5 218 48

Pby of Allegheny City—Sewickley ch 58 89; Bridgewater ch 28 23; Beaver ch 23; 1st ch Allegheny 121 91; Sharpsburg ch 50; Concord ch 2 284 03

Pby of Baltimore—Ellicott City ch 20; Baltimore South ch 5; Churchville ch 10 35 00

Pby of Beaver—Little Beaver ch 10 00

Pby of Blairsville—Benalto ch 7; New Alexandria ch 1 8 00

Pby of Bloomington—Deer Creek ch 4 50; Chenow ch 6; Gilman ch 4; Lexington ch 10; Heyworth ch 18; Bloomington ch 10; Union Grove ch 5 17; Eureka ch 2; Galloway ch 5 56 67

Pby of Buffalo City—Calvary ch 87; East Aurora ch 7 94 00

Pby of Bureau—Genesee ch 5 00

Pby of Burlington—Mt Holly ch 23 42; Columbus ch 2; Burlington ch 48 70 74 12

Pby of Carlisle—Bloomfield ch 4 64; Lower Path Valley ch 12 72; Burnt Cabin ch 10; Silver Spring ch 12 15; Green Castle ch 40 50; McConnellsburg ch 5; Green Hill ch 5; Dickinson ch .0 110 01

Pby of Cedar—Herman ch 7 50; Blue Grass ch 3 80; Tipton ch, 6 88 of which Sub-sch, 27 24; New York ch 8 66; Red Oak ch 8 13; J D Mason 5; Marion ch 36 10; Muscatine ch 16 50 113 00

Pby of Chippewa—Winona 1st ch 18; Caledonia ch 5; Sheldon ch 2 25 00

Pby of Cincinnati—Reading ch. 7 70

Pby of Clarion—Caillesburg ch 7 70; Concord ch 7; Elkton ch 5 18 70

Pby of Columbus—First ch, Columbus 69 67

Pby of Connecticut—Mt Kisco ch 8 03; Yorktown ch 28 36 03

Pby of Crawfordsville—First ch Terre Haute 11 90

Pby of Dane—Richland Centre ch 1 50; Richland City ch 2; Fancy Creek ch 2 50 6 00

<i>Pby of Des Moines</i> —Oskaloosa ch	9 00	
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Middle Octorara ch 21; slate Ridge ch 29 46; Columbia ch 71 50	121 96	
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Liberty Corner ch 10; Siloam ch 1	11 00	
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Petroleum Centre ch 30; Park ch 55; Warren ch 13 68	98 68	
<i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Crawfordsville ch	3 50	
<i>Pby of Findley</i> —West Union ch 6 63; Enon Valley ch 1 62	8 25	
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —Fort Wayne 3d ch, of which from Sub-sech 2	10 00	
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Wyoming ch 15 50; Tuscarora ch 5; Portageville ch 4; Groveland ch 12	36 50	
<i>Pby of Highland</i> —Highland ch	5 00	
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Florida ch 4; Middletown 2d ch 20 47; Goshen ch 28 92	53 39	
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Williamsburg ch 28; Perry ch 12; Shirleysburg ch 5; Alexandria ch 25	70 00	
<i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —Hopewell ch	21 80	
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —West Point ch 4 75; Pilot Grove ch 2 50; Mt Pleasant ch 23 90; Unity City ch 4 90; Westminster ch 15	51 05	
<i>Pby of Kaskaskia</i> —Elm Point ch 10; Butler ch 10 50; Greenville ch 12 10	32 60	
<i>Pby of Lake</i> —South Bend ch 5; Sumption's Prairie ch 4	9 00	
<i>Pby of Logansport</i> —Sugar Creek ch 7 60; Jefferson ch 3; Wea ch 2 75; Perrysburg ch, of which 5 from pastor 10; East Sandbridge ch 2	25 35	
<i>Pby of Londonderry</i> —Londonderry ch	20 00	
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —Sag Harbor ch, from Ladies' Education Soc'y 59; Huntington South ch 12; R O Colt 100; 1st ch Huntingdon 30; Sweet Hollow ch 4 30	205 30	
<i>Pby of Louisville</i> —Walnut St ch	27 80	
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —First ch Pittston 25; Mahonoy City ch 21 08	46 08	
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Marysville ch 7; Milford Centre ch 2; Marseilles ch 6 35	15 35	
<i>Pby of Maumee</i> —Gilead ch 6; Toledo ch 3	9 00	
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —South Charleston ch 6; Springfield 2d ch 75	81 00	
<i>Pby of Michigan</i> —Westminster ch Detroit 39 70		
<i>Pby of Milwaukee</i> —Delafield ch 4; Ottawa ch 2 25; North ch 35	41 25	
<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Plattsmouth ch 7 20; Bellevue ch 10; Brownsville ch 8	25 20	
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Freehold Village ch 45; Jamesburg ch 12; Manchester ch 10; Manjapan ch 20	87 00	
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Ewing ch 16 75; 1st ch, New Brunswick 25	41 75	
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Lower Brandywine ch 14 39; Upper Octorara ch 24 80; Downingtown Central ch 10; Zion ch 20; Rock ch 20	89 19	
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Long Run ch 7 75; Bethel ch 9 63	17 38	
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Forty-second St ch, New York	78 19	
<i>Pby of New York</i> 2d—Peekskill ch 41 64; Westminster ch 13 31	54 95	
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Pleasant Grove ch 20; Yellow Frame ch 11 25; Hackettstown ch, 112, of which for this fund 102; Oxford 2d ch 27 52; Upper Mt Bethel ch 5; Asbury ch 14; Knowlton ch 4; Harmony ch 36; Stewartsville ch 41 50	261 27	
<i>Pby of North River</i> —Marlboro ch 8 20; Middle Hope ch 5 10	13 30	
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Milton ch 13; Williamsport ch 135, of which for this fund 125; Muncey ch 9; New Berlin ch 5 98	152 98	
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —First ch Pittsburgh 275 31; Centre ch 41 50; Forest Grove ch 20; Miller's Run ch 15 6; Raccoon ch 34 35; Bethel ch 60; East Liberty ch 12 86	569 62	
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —First ch Oxford	28 30	
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —First ch Paterson 50; Connecticut Farms ch 11 89; 1st ch Rutherford Park 22 71; Mt Freedom ch 14; 1st ch Morris town 64 27; Calvary Newark ch 9 50	176 37	
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Salem ch 2 40; Elmwood ch 7; Prospect ch 35 61; Peoria 1st ch 19; Canton ch 6 89	73 81	
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Second ch Phila, Mrs Wal-		
ton 5; 9th ch Phila 51; West Spruce St ch. col 142 68; Morris Patterson 25, C A Finley 10. Geo Jenkin 17, C H Grant 50 = 244 68	300 68	
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Richmond ch 20; Alexander ch 25; Hestonville ch 5	50 00	
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Bensalem ch 3; Falls of Schuykill ch 14; Easton 1st ch 50	67 00	
<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —Holland ch 6; 2d Amwell ch 13 40; MILFORD—West Newton ch 20; Laurel Hill ch 15; Mt Pleasant ch 40 68; Round Hill ch 10; George's Creek ch 5; McKeesport ch 20 72; Dunlap's Creek ch 19 41; McClellandtown ch 8 12	138 93	
<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Clear Fork ch 2 75; McKay ch 4 80; Perryville ch 5 50; Utica ch 5 60; Frederickstown ch 15; Mt Vernon ch 16 82	50 47	
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Galena ch	4 00	
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Parnassus ch 9 50; Centre ch 3 10; Ebenezer ch 19 60; Elderton ch 2 34 20		
<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Richland ch 4; Hermon ch 2; Shawneetown ch 50 95; Oden ch 5	61 95	
<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —Petersburg ch	50 00	
<i>Pby of S Minnesota</i> —Lake City ch 5 50; Preston ch 1; Owatonna ch 4; Stewartsville ch 1 11 50		
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Bloomfield ch 14 05; Centre Unity ch 4 40; Centre ch 5; Wellsville ch 16; Waynesburgh ch 8; Bethlehem ch 7	54 46	
<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —St Clairsville ch 40; Wegee ch 5; Mt Pleasantville ch 20	65 00	
<i>Pby of St Paul</i> —St Peter's ch 5; Rockford ch 2 73; Medina ch 1 85	9 60	
<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Wyalusing 2d ch 6; 1st ch Towanda 25 40, of which for this fund 15	21 00	
<i>Pby of Transylvania</i> —Harrodsburg ch	28 60	
<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Second ch Troy 66 55; Park ch Troy 30 50	97 05	
<i>Pby of Upper Missouri</i> —Fillmore ch	3 00	
<i>Pby of Vinton</i> —Malaka ch 5 40; Toledo ch 9 06	14 46	
<i>Pby of Warren</i> —Prairie ch 5; Oquawka ch 8 65; Keithsburg ch 6 35	20 80	
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Forks of Wheeling ch 60; Wheeling 1st ch 74 81; Holliday's Cove ch 5; Lower Buffalo ch 5; Three Springs ch 6; Fairview ch 13 15; Stewartsville ch 1; West Liberty ch 11 67	175 63	
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Recent Intelligence.

DEATH OF THE REV. JAMES H. ORBISON.—In the last number of the *Record* the arrival of Mr. Orbison and his family was reported. He was then apparently in good health, and expected in due time to return to India, after making arrangements for the education of his children. On the 19th of April he was removed by death at Bellefonte, Penna., after a short illness. His mind was kept in great peace, and we cannot doubt that his death was his entrance into the heavenly rest. Mr. Orbison first went to India in 1850. On a visit to this country in 1858 he was again married. He leaves a wife and four children, for whom tender sympathy will be felt in their great bereavement. The removal of a devoted missionary in the midst of his days is one of the mysteries of Providence.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF MISSIONARIES.—The Rev. B. D. Wikoff and his family arrived from India on the 3d of May; Mr. Wikoff's health was improved by the journey. D. B. McCartee, M. D., and his wife arrived at San Francisco from Ningpo, and may be expected here in a few days. Their visit to this country is for the sake of health. The Rev. Edward P. Capp started on the journey to China about the last of April; Mr. Capp graduated at the Theological Seminary, Princeton, a year ago; he was ordained by the Central Presbytery of Philadelphia, and his field of labour in China is in the province of Shantung. Many prayers will follow him, we trust, as he goes to his work.

ADMITTED TO THE CHURCH.—The Rev. W. Hamilton, Omaha, April 28th, mentions the reception of sixteen of the Indians, and his own young son, to the communion of the church on the preceding Sabbath. Since January thirty-six new communicants have been received, thirty-three of whom are Indians, who were admitted by baptism. The Rev. A. W. Loomis, San Francisco, March 29th, speaks of a Chinaman received into the church on the Sabbath previous, a man fifty-two years of age, who "has made sacrifices and suffered many things for the Master's sake." The Rev. D. Thompson, March 30th, reports the baptism of three Japanese converts at Yokohamo; see letters printed further on. The Rev. C. R. Mills, Tungchow, February 6th, refers to the baptism of the oldest girl in the boarding school, and says, "She is a very bright girl, serious and dignified, and has great influence over the younger girls. She bids fair to become very useful as an assistant teacher in the school, and an apt teacher of her ignorant country-women." The Rev. J. F. Ullmann, Futtehgurh, March 22d, reports the baptism of a Hindu at Chhibramow, on the 6th of that month. His son was baptized two years ago, and his wife several months ago, so that Mr. Ullmann can add, "The whole family is now a Christian family."

LETTERS RECEIVED TO MAY 14th.—From Monrovia, April 13th; Benita, March 15th; Bogota, March —; Rio de Janeiro, March 26th; Sao Paulo, March 18th; Mynpurie, April 5th; Futtehgurh, March 22d; Dehra, March 15th; Ambala, March 18th; Lodiania, March 26th; Lahor, March 18th; Canton, March 17th; Shanghai, March 20th; Ningpo, March 15th; Hangchow, March 13th; Chefoo, January 21st; Tungchow, February 6th; Peking, February 11th; Yokohama, March 30th; San Francisco, April 14th; Navajo, April 15th; Seminole, April 19th; Omaha, April 28th.

HOW THE MISSION YEAR ENDED, and some remarks concerning the work and its support, contained in an article to be found below, will receive the consideration as we hope of all our readers.

THE SERMON FOR THE BOARD, by the Rev. Dr. Thayer, of Newport, Rhode Island, was preached before a large congregation in the First Presbyterian church, New York, on Sabbath evening, May 2d. We hope this sermon will be printed and widely circulated.

The Situation: April 30, 1869.

The mission year of the Board ended on the 30th of April. At the Annual Meeting, held May 4th, the Report of the Executive Committee was considered, approved and directed to be laid before the General Assembly, and the Executive Officers were re-elected. We take some figures from the Report, as follows: ordained missionaries, eighty-two; native ordained ministers, thirteen; native licentiate preachers, ten; assistant missionaries, from this country, eighty-six—including the wives of missionaries; native teachers, catechists, colporteurs, &c., one hundred and ninety-three; new labourers sent out, nineteen—of whom eight are ministers, and ten are females. Receipts from all sources, \$338,497.82; expenditures \$343,798.42; balance against the mission treasury, \$5,300.60.

These returns are in some respects very favourable. Taking the reports of the last five years into view, we find an increase in the number of ordained missionaries of twenty-seven—of whom nineteen are Americans, and eight natives. The increase in the number of native labourers of other kinds in the same period is forty-one. The number of communicants reported is one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three; in 1865, it was one thousand and twelve. The number of scholars in the mission school was five thousand eight hundred and seventeen in the former year, and seven thousand four hundred and two last year. The missions to the Winnebagoes and the Navajos are new missions. The older missions are well maintained, as a general remark, though there are not wanting in some of them serious causes of anxiety, especially in the small staff of labourers in some of the vast fields. The additions to the churches last year were greatly encouraging in several missions; we may specify the Omaha Mission, now for the first time reporting a goodly number of converts, twenty-nine since January; the Seminole Mission, fourteen—making the whole number one hundred and ten; the mission in Brazil, fifty-seven; several of the churches in India, forty-four; in China, over one hundred; besides very interesting additions to the Church in connection with the missions in Siam, Japan, Africa, United States of Colombia and other countries. Surely God has granted remarkable success to the labours of his servants.

We account it, moreover, a precious token of his favour, that not only have new missionaries been sent out last year, but several brethren are under appointment as missionaries, and others still are applying for such appointment, so that in a few months at least seven or eight new labourers might be on their way to different fields, if the funds of the Board would only permit them to be sent out. Will not God who has given them grace to offer themselves for this work, also give his people grace to provide the means necessary for sending them forth and supporting them? We hope so. We believe he will.

So much has had to be said in our columns heretofore about the state of the mission treasury, that we would prefer to make no reference to it here, beyond the general statement already given. But the subject needs further consideration. We are grateful for two things: first, for the great liberality of so many of our churches and our Christian people; the regular contributions exceeded those of

any former year. Second, for a large legacy paid in a few days before the year ended; but for this bequest, of over \$68,000, the debt of the Board would have been a very serious one. But why should there not have been a large surplus in the treasury, instead of a balance against it, after the receipt of such a legacy? Because 1. The year began with a debt of over \$27,000; 2. The work of the missions, by direct order of the last General Assembly, was not conducted on the plan of large retrenchment, but of continued though moderate enlargement; and 3. The money received was in currency, whereas most of the money paid was in gold or its equivalent, so that \$49,832 had to be expended in making the money received pass for the purposes of the missions. And thus it has been for several years. Given the case of the treasury out of debt, and the receipts all of the value of gold as in former years, and the large bequest above referred to might have been all expended in strengthening the work or occupying new ground. We forbear to dwell on this matter. We do not doubt the ability of our churches to increase largely their support of this great work; it is stated that the amount now given by the churches does not average a dollar to each communicant; the noble gifts of last year would have been very much larger, if all our church members had shared in the privilege of thus advancing the cause of Christ in the world. Let the donations of the year now begun be made on the basis of gold, and the year will end with no debt. Yes, and let them flow from hearts full of love to Christ and compassion for lost souls, and be accompanied by faith and prayer, and then whoever writes a similar article to this for the *Record* in 1870, will be able to write it with a joyful and grateful heart. Even now, the foregoing statements show that the Church and the world have reasons of great gratitude to God, for his blessing on this sacred cause during another year.

But the work still lies before us. It is hopeful, nay it is successful, but yet it is earnest, work for our blessed Lord and for a lost world, that we are still called to do; and strenuous effort will no doubt be required on the part of all our churches, if the year now begun shall end without embarrassment—if the missions are to be sustained, and the new missionaries to be sent out. We trust that the confidence, sympathy, gifts, and prayers of the people of God will still be enjoyed by this cause. With these, by the divine blessing, all will go on well.

The Navajos.

The Rev. J. M. Roberts, writing from the Navajo Reservation, New Mexico, April 15th, 1869, gives a painful account of the present condition of these Indians. He is showing how impracticable it is in their present circumstances to conduct day-schools successfully among them, and favours the establishment of a boarding-school for some of their children, with the hope that these scholars would do great good to their people. It is very evident that he has a most difficult work before him. Let him be aided by many prayers. The Gospel can change all this. Armies cannot do it; the Government cannot; only the Gospel, and the power of the Holy Spirit can. These have lifted up other tribes as debased and apparently as hopeless as the poor Navajos. Mr. Roberts thus writes:

On the 1st of April the whole tribe

were together on an enclosure of about half an acre for general count; seven thousand two hundred tickets were issued to them. The whole tribe was supposed to be present except such as were too sick to come; just now the smallpox is very bad among them. When thus brought together, for whatever cause, all bring their effects with them. They have not confidence in each other to leave anything behind them. Even their hoes, axes, little looms, and spinning arrangements are all carried with them wherever they go. On that day when we could see them and count their flocks, which now consist wholly of goats and sheep—cattle they have none—I do not think in all, counting their ponies also, there are more in number than a thousand. Each Navajo is supposed to have a blanket or a part of one, which is of their own manufacture, very coarse. Besides this blanket, the great majority of them, male and female, have nothing to cover their nude bodies except moccasins, leggings that reach to the knees, and a shirt of thin muslin or calico, which reaches only to their loins. During this cold winter,

in which the mercury has been more than once nine degrees below zero, this is all they have to proteet them from the cold. A few have a sheep skin or bear skin to lie on at night, not many. Their "Hagans" are made of poles, placed, some six, some ten feet apart at the ground, leaned together at the top, covered with bark and brush w.th about one foot of earth to keep out the wind. The ground is the floor, fire in the centre; the smoke escapes through a hole near the top. In many of these more than one family ex sts, they can hardly be said to live. Often from ten to fifteen, and even twenty, souls are thus crowded together in a compass of ten feet in diameter. Think of the filth, vermin, and stench that must of necessity be found in such a place. In ease of sickness what possible chancee of recovery. Their food consists of corn and beef, half a pound of each for a day issued every fourth day to them. This is what the United States Government calls half rations. Where do they get the other half? Who can blame them for stealing it if they can get it in that way? Some bake a bread of ragweed seed, which grows common in the States, and is the curse to him who would raise corn there. They gather potatoes, which grow spontaneously in some places here. They are about as large as peanuts and somewhat the shape. There is also a kind of yellow clay here which they eat.

They do not live thus from choice, but they have nothing more, and no money to buy with, and no game to hunt. They are as poor as I can eonceive a people to be. They were once rich in cattle, sheep, goats and horses. Men among them, now of the poorest, delight to tell of their once having had thousands of horses and cattle and great herds of sheep and goats. But in 1863, and during the war with them before that, the Government troops took from them all their stock, destroyed their crops and cut down their orchards, and thus they were compelled after the winter came on to give themselves up as prisoners, which they did, coming into the Fort Wingate in great droves of thousands. Then they numbered about fifteen thousand, now not more than eight thousand. In the face of these facts is it consistent for us to ask them to support their own schools at their own expense? Espeially when we know them to be exceedingly superstitious. They do not see the need of

education. They see no use in it. They say it will do very well for white men but be of no use to the Navajo.

At this present time their very poverty will contribute as a means to overcome this superstition. They will allow their children to be governed if I will agree to feed and clothe them. I have no fears of being permitted to control and teach them in any way I may choose, if only I will take good care of them.

Now shall we take the advantage thus afforded us and bring this tribe into civilization in a few years, when they will sustain their own schools and find their own teahers; or shall we let it slip and wait years, as was the case with many others, until they see the advantage of educating and become what they are now, self-sustaining? Another reason for establishing boarding schools is, that in attempting to teach these children, the first practical lesson will be cleanliness. Rid them of vermin. Dress them with decent, comfortable clothing. But what is the use of dressing, cleaning, and combing them up each morning to go at night and sleep in those filthy hagans? All of which clothing would have to be furnished anew each morning; their friends would take the new clothes and use them for their own use and send the children next morning to be reclad. They are the most inveterate thieves. It does seem that they teach their children to steal as soon as they are able to walk. I do not think they look upon stealing as we do. Of course they do not. They seem to think of one who has succeeded in stealing a good deal, as we do, or as the world does, on a shrewd merchant who will sell his goods for three prices just because he knows he can get it. They deem it much worse to steal from a Navajo than from an American, or any one who does not belong to their tribe. It seems almost a miracle to find one who will not steal. Now I am not writing to see myself write, or because I like it, or from a desire to be noticed, but I know whereof I speak. From my own experience and that of others, I have already learned to look upon Navajos as upon other people as depraved; and when he is compelled to live on half rations, he will steal the buttons off his brother's coat if only he can thereby get the other half ration. . . .

The Government only intends providing this half ration until next October. Government supposes that they can then support themselves. They might, if they were not now driven from sheer hunger to eat more than half the

grain given them to plant, and if they had a good country for planting. I have heard a Rev. Mr. Shaw, who was an army chaplain at this post in 1853—6, and has been all over this country, say that if every foot of land capable of irrigation on this whole Reservation were planted in corn and wheat there would not be enough to feed them one year. It is certainly the most barren region I have ever seen, except for grazing. And unless the Government furnishes them with stock of all kinds it will be many years before they can do anything at that business. In view of all these, which are practical facts, presenting themselves to me every day, I cannot see that I can accomplish anything worth staying here for except through a boarding school. I cannot preach without two interpreters, a Navajo and Spanish. There is no one known in the territory who can interpret Navajo into English.

While learning the language I must have something to do, what shall it be?

Yours truly, JAMES M. ROBERTS.

Three Japanese Converts.

The Rev. D. Thompson, under date of March 30th, at Yokohama, sends the following accounts. They will be read with much interest and with thanks unto God, by those who have been praying for the conversion of the Japanese. Mr. Thompson had been severely ill for some weeks, but we are glad to learn he was rapidly regaining his health. He says:

Only a few days before I was taken sick we had the pleasure of receiving three Japanese into the church by public profession of their faith, an account of whom may not be unacceptable to you. One of these was an old Japanese woman, who, living at a distance, is yet in the habit of attending our Sunday services with a good degree of regularity. I visited her a short time before in company with Mr. Cornes, and found that she had been sick. In her sickness she said she had prayed for strength to come to our meetings once more. After which she said she would be willing to die. To her own surprise she began to recover, and said she took this as a sign and a support to her faith, and spoke of it to her heathen neighbours without reserve. According to her desire and prayer she was again at our services, and, continuing to profess her

faith in Christ and her desire of baptism, we thought we would be rather justified in administering it than in withholding it, though she manifests yet much ignorance concerning many things. The old woman has laid aside her idols, and appears to worship God in sincerity. She is one of the earliest who attracted the attention and awakened the interest of missionaries in Japan, having been intimate with Dr. and Mrs. Hepburn from their first landing here.

Another case is that of a man about thirty-five years of age, who has been my teacher for the last five years. All the missionaries who know him will unite in testifying that he is one of the best teachers that have come to our notice. He is a man of good judgment, good taste, and fine manners. He has often talked with me with great freedom and fullness on the subject of personal religion, and has a good understanding of the gospel, and while he manifests no great emotion or feeling, yet appears sincere and firm in his profession. It did not in the least abate his desire to profess Christ, when I represented to him what he might be called to suffer for so doing from his countrymen and from the Government. In fact, all three go forward with as much indifference to persecution, as they would if there was no government to threaten them.

The third and last case is that of a young man, of whom I wrote an account to the Bible Society more than a year ago. For some time back he has been the teacher of Dr. Hepburn, who will rejoice to hear of his conversion. Like Timothy he is of a delicate constitution and has been so from his youth. Before foreigners came to Japan he had his attention turned to Western science and knowledge by a Japanese doctor, who visited him in his sickness. This doctor knew something of Western countries through the medium of the Dutch language. From that time the sick youth conceived the desire to know more of Western books, and succeeded in getting some, and began the study of the English language. He gathered some of his friends around him, and induced them to commence the same study. Having imbibed some foreign ideas he began to preach that, in emergencies, a man ought to disobey prince or *father* especially when their commands interfere with our higher interests. (Hence he is qualified to explain to the Japanese such a scripture as,

"Suffer me first to go and bury my father," or "He that loveth *father* or mother more than me," &c.) Having become suspected of being a Christian in the Japanese sense of the word, he was consigned to his own room for four hundred days, during which time he endured great mental struggles and resisted temptation to commit suicide. Here in his confinement his teacher, who had come into possession of a Bible, I believe at the Bonin Islands, and who was studying it, sent to him in his room passages of Scripture, written out, and suited to his case. Here in confinement, he formed the desire to know more of God's Word. When released he immediately resigned his rank and rendered back his salary to his prince, and came to Yokohama to study the Bible only, and this he has continued to do with only the interruptions that ill health and the necessity of supporting himself, have rendered unavoidable. Like the merchantman seeking goodly pearls he has continued seeking in the right place, and now we rejoice to see him profess his faith before the world.

His teacher, spoken of before, is a remarkable man, who has renounced idolatry, and the atheism of Confucius, but is not yet a believer in God's Word. It is not a little remarkable that this young convert and his teacher, and several others of their company, agreed to give up idolatry years ago, like the Sandwich Islanders burning their idols before the missionaries arrived. We have reason to thank God for these tokens of his favour, and pray that He would add to their number. The two men of whom I speak, are capable of becoming very useful as teachers of their countrymen, and the latter especially, having heartily tried and rejected Buddhism and Confucianism. I doubt not he has been a preacher by his incessant conversations with his friends, for the last two years, and will continue so to labour unconscious perhaps that he is spreading the gospel. The two young men Rev. Mr. Ballagh baptized, and these last two are all superior men when compared with the mass of their countrymen, and if God add to their gifts his blessing, will be able to do much for their countrymen.

MRS. HEPBURN'S NARRATIVE OF BABA.

Mr. Thompson speaks of "an old Japanese woman" as one of the converts. Our friend, Mrs. Hepburn, wife

of Dr. J. C. Hepburn, has written a narrative of the first convert from among the women of Japan, which we are sure will be read with interest all the greater because of the somewhat minute circumstances here given.

Some of your readers may perhaps remember a short article written almost nine years ago from Japan, in which mention was made of an elderly woman, in whom I had become much interested soon after our arrival here in 1859. This woman was then living in a small but comfortable house with her husband, who was then living. It always did me good to go and visit her,—she kept her house and the few articles for cooking, &c., which she owned, so perfectly neat, and she was always so cheerful and gave me such a hearty welcome. . . .

Early in the month of January, 1860, I missed her usual visits and went to her house to inquire what had become of her. . . .

As soon as I entered the door she raised herself up and began to cry, saying she was very sick, and the Japanese doctors thought she must die. I tried to comfort her, but she was quite inconsolable. Said she had prayed to her gods, at the same time pointing to a little shrine, such as is found in nearly every Japanese house, and that they had not done her any good. I tried to point her to the true God, and to Jesus the only Saviour as the only one who would help her. It must have been with a stammering tongue, for I did not then know much of her language. I went home and got Dr. Hepburn to go with me to see her. He found her very sick with some lung complaint. His prescriptions were of use, and she soon began to mend. As soon as she could get to my house, before her hair had been dressed, as she showed us, she came to see us to express her gratitude. Dr. Hepburn used often to tell her of Jesus, and I found her of great help in learning the language. She would sit on her feet a-la-Japanese, by the half hour near him while he explained the truths of our holy religion to her. She got a copy of the Lord's Prayer, which had been translated into Japanese, and was delighted: said she prayed that prayer morning and evening. . . .

All the mission families felt an interest in her. When Mr. Ballagh first started a Japanese service on the

Sabbath, she was one of his hearers, and she has continued a regular attendant ever since, often not heeding unpleasant weather, though she had to come four miles. I have many times thought how her example put to shame, not only those brought up in Christian lands, but professing Christians themselves. On the last Sabbath of January, Mr. Thompson was to baptize his own and Dr. Hepburn's teachers, and she also gladly joined them in publicly professing her faith in Jesus. She has long been under Christian instructions, and was intelligent in her understanding and professing her faith in the one true God, and in His Son Jesus Christ as her Saviour.

It was an interesting service to us to see there three precious souls received

into the Church of Christ. Had Mr. Thompson no other reward for the six years he has been here labouring for this people, the privilege of baptizing them, and feeling that they were truly born of God must have been enough to encourage him to go on with fresh courage in the teaching of this people in the way of life. Old Baba said, now that Jesus had heard her prayer, and she had been permitted to come once more to the service and profess her faith in him, she was willing and ready to depart. I have not seen her since that Sunday. . . .

May we not ask, dear friends, that you will remember these dear Christians in your prayers. In your happy, free country, you can never know what it costs a Japanese to profess Christ.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN APRIL, 1869.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Esperance Sab-sch 3; Saratoga Springs ch 50. *Pby of Londonderry*—First ch Newburyport 132 37. *Pby of Troy*—Second ch Troy 293 55; Waterford ch 151 44; mo con 136 45; Sab-sch 37 11 = 325 803 92

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Buffalo ch 14; Westminster ch 14 45; Clintonville ch 5; Rich Hill ch 8. *Pby of Allegheny City*—First ch Allegheny City, N N A. for American Indians 111 50; Concord ch 5; Bridgewater ch 76 60; Sab-sch 19 33; John and Lizzie Alexander 4; Macaulay Sab-sch 2 = 101 93; Sharpsburg ch 56 70. *Pby of Beaver*—Clarksville ch 35; Sharon ch 30; West Middlesex ch 42. *Pby of Erie*—Petroleum Centre Sab-sch 10; Sandy Lake Sab-sch 5; Oil City ch 50; Franklin ch 40 528 58

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Atlantic*—Wallingford ch 4 50; 1st Col'd Sab-sch, Wilmington, N C 1. *Pby of Baltimore*—Central ch, Baltimore 105 77; Sab-sch 27 75; Mission Sab-sch for China 15 = 148 52; 12th ch Baltimore 71 50; Sab-sch 15 = 86 50; Govate Chapel Sab-sch 7; Westminster ch, Baltimore 59; South ch, Baltimore 34. *Pby of Carlisle*—Lower Marsh Creek ch 69; Millerton town ch 24; Bertha and Hervey 1 90 = 25 90; Bloomfield ch 14; McConnellsburg ch 49; Green Hill ch 26; Wells Valley ch 11; Dickinson ch 50; Sab-sch 10 = 60. *Pby of Potomac*—N Y Ave ch Youth's Miss'y Soc'y 47 94; Seventh st ch Washington Youth's Miss'y Soc'y 60; Bridge st Sab-sch Georgetown Twp Juv Miss'y Soc'y 00 768 36

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Genesee River*—Warsaw ch 33; Sab-sch 48 = 81. *Pby of Ogdensburg*—Hammond ch to con Life Member 50; Rossie ch 75 138 50

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Bureau*—First ch Aledo Sab-sch 5 30. *Pby of Chicago*—1st ch Morris 23 10; Sab-sch 15 90 = 41. *Pby of Rock River*—Shannon Union Sab-sch 3 35; Morrison ch for Benita 31 94; 2nd ch Freeport, Fem Prayer Meeting 6. *Pby of Schuyler*—Vermont ch 13 25. *Pby of Warren*—Oquawka ch 11 70; Sab-sch 2 25 = 13 95; Keithsburg ch 15 119 94

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—North Fork ch 24 44; 1st ch Chillicothe 202 50. *Pby of Cincinnati*—First ch Glendale 54; Monterey ch 3. *Pby of Miami*—Carrolton ch 10; South Charleston ch 6 13. *Pby of Oxford*—South Providence ch 5. *Pby of Sidney*—Huntsville ch 8 95; Mount Jefferson ch 3 407 02

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Lexington ch add'l 11; Chatworth ch Mrs S D Fosdick 5; Heyworth ch 31; Eureka ch 2; Bloomington ch add'l 7; Weston ch 3; Galloway ch 10. *Pby*

of Kaskaskia—Greenville Sab-sch 7 50; *Pby of Palestine*—Hebron ch 5; *Pby of Peoria*—Lewistown ch 44 44; Sab-sch 49 95 = 94 39; Salem ch 4 36; Mossville ch 5. *Pby of Saline*—Shawneetown ch E J Nicholson 5; Odin ch 9 75; Sandoval ch 2 28. *Pby of Sangamon*—Petersburg ch 261 75; Little Girls Missionary Soc'y for Orphans sch Lodiana 80 = 341 75 544 43

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of New Albany*—First ch New Albany 175. *Pby of White Water*—Ebenezer ch 2 87; Mt Carmel ch 17 20; Dundapsville ch 200 57

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Muscatine ch 3 50; Marion Sab-sch 16; Rev J D Mason 10 29 50

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Leavenworth*—First ch Leavenworth 40 10

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Louisville*—New Castle Sab-sch 10. *Pby of West Lexington*—Second ch Lexington Sab-sch add'l 33 43

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Potosi*—Whitewater ch 15; Irondale Sab-sch, children of Robt Cowan 30 cts. *Pby of St Louis*—Nazareth ch, a member 5; Grace ch 23 05; Kirkwood ch 97 05; Bethel ch 12, Mrs. Shultz 5 = 17. *Pby of Southwestern Missouri*—Carthage ch 12 10; Neosho ch 5 174 50

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—First ch Burlington 87 10. Sab-sch 61 43 = 148 53. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—Logansville Sab-sch 1 50; Berean Sab-sch, Class No 4 6 20. *Pby of Lucerne*—Wyoming ch 10 75. Sab-sch 5 = 15 75. *Pby of Monmouth*—Manalapan ch, add'l 10; Matawan ch 71 42; Jamesburg ch 15; Freehold Village ch 95, Sab-sch 50 = 145. *Pby of Newton*—Asbury ch 75; Knowlton ch 14; 2d ch Oxford 38 24; Andover ch 6 47. Sab-sch 71 cts, Allamuchy Sab-sch 7 49 = 14 67; Yellow Frame ch 30; Pleasant Grove ch 100. *Pby of New Brunswick*—South Amboy ch 17 75; Stony Brook Sab-sch 5; 1st ch Princeton 318 39. Sab-sch for Rio Chapel 58 12 = 376 51; Dutch Neck ch mo con 32 85. Sab-sch children's miss'y boxes 44 50 = 77 35; Pennington ch 50; 1st ch Hightstown 31 81, mo con 10 = 41 81; 2d ch Trenton, a member 750; Titusville ch 50. *Pby of Passaic*—Connecticut Farms ch 45, Sab-sch 11 56 = 56 56; Central ch Orange 50; 1st ch Rutherford Park mo con 26 10; 3d ch Newark mo con 27 14; Wirkle ch, mo con 10 73; Chester ch, Miss Mary H. Woodhull 25; 1st ch Morrisstown 1,007 21; 2d ch Elizabeth 85 24. *Pby of Raritan*—Musconetcong Valley ch 48 15, Sab-sch 5 50 = 53 65; New Hampton Sab-sch 13 20; Fairmount ch 17. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Wykangsing ch 15; Herrick ch 5; 1st ch Towanda, special

102. Envelope Plan \$3 20, Mrs Colt's sch 96 cts = \$16 16; 2d ch Wyalusing 20 *Pby of West Jersey*—Fislervill ch, Clayton Sab-sch 11 04; Pottsgrove ch 100; Woodstown ch 17; Deerfield ch 130; Sab-sch 1 = 140; 1st ch Cedarville 17 18; Cold Spring ch 30, Sab-sch 25 = 55

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Rye ch mo con 13 25; Mt Kisco ch 29; Bedford ch mo con 102 50; South Salem ch mo con 60 10; Bridgeport ch 64 *Pby of Hudson*—Goo-will ch 70; Florida ch 8; Hamptonburg ch 3; Minford ch 16; Goshen ch 33 62; Mt Hope ch 20 41. *Pby of Nassau*—Springfield ch 4 21; Astoria ch mo con 30 54; 1st ch, Brooklyn 82 88; Genوان ch mo con 28 32; South Third St. ch Williamsburg, mo con 42 09; Jamaica ch, mo con 33; Central ch Sab-sch, Brooklyn girls' Bible-class 1 50, Infant class 3 = 4 50. *Pby of New York*—First ch New York, mo con 356 54, Sab-sch 32 57. Mission Sab-sch 43 = 432 11; Brick ch, mo con 136 32, Mission ch 11 34 = 147 66; Alexander ch 8 65; Fortieth St ch New York 10; University Place ch, mo con 34. Mission Sab-sch 31 = 64; Fourth ch New York 8 10; 1st ch Jersey City, mo con 38 60. *Pby of New York* 2d—Canal St ch New York 137; Westminster ch Yonkers 100; Inwood ch 123, Foundation Fund 88 50, Sab-sch 55 81 = 269 31; Peekskill ch, mo con 27 11; Sing Sing ch, mo con 65. *Pby of North River*—Calvary ch Newburgh 23 29 2,767 15

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Lake-Sumptions* Prairie ch 10; Crown Point ch 8 06, Sab-sch 16 32 = 24 38; Hebron ch 6 75. *Pby of Logansport*—Indian Creek ch 3. *Pby of Muncie-New Castle* ch 5 15 49 28

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Hocking*—Gallopolis ch 12 50; Athens Sab-sch 20. *Pby of Marion*—Mt Gilead ch, Mrs Mary Blaney 5. Sab-sch 5 60 = 10 60; Pisgah ch 3; Liberty Sab-sch for Tung-chow 2 50; Brown ch 7. *Pby of Richland*—Haysville ch, add'l 10; Mansfield ch 73 82. *Pby of Wooster*—Jackson ch 38 30. *Pby of Zanesville*—Bethel ch 10; Buffalo Sab-sch 10 45 198 17

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Benicia*—Vallejo ch 20. *Pby of California*—eh San Francisco 12 50, premium 4 = 16 50; Chinese ch 20, premium 6 60 = 26 60. *Pby of Stockton*—Visalia ch 8, premium 2 50 = 10 50 73 00

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Huntingdon*—Presbyterian Collection 18; Shade Gap ch, Miss Armstrong's Sab-sch class 80 cts; Huntingdon ch 181 60; Milliflontown and Lost Creek chs 117 25; Pine Grove ch Ladies' Miss'y Soc'y 50; Logan's Valley ch 20; Little Valley Sab-sch 8; Shirleysburg ch, Mrs M Brewster 5. *Pby of New Castle*—Port Deposit Sab-sch, to educate child at Lodianna 55 58; Rock ch 25; Zion ch 25; Lower West Nottingham ch 42. *Pby of Northumberland*—Muncy eh 13 50; Derry ch Fem Miss'y Soc'y to con Mrs Esther Barber *Life Member* 40; Bloomsburg ch 250, Sab-sch 25 = 275; Warrior Run ch 10; Bald Eagle and Nittany chs 3 17; Beech Spring Sab-sch, Mary E Clark 2 43; Mahoning Sab-sch 32 43; Washington ch Fem Miss'y Soc'y to con Miss Ann Eliza Clark *Life Member* 30 50. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Woodland ch 5; Fourth ch Phila 40; Arch St eh Phila 381 95; Mariner's ch Sab-sch 2 65. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Spring Garden ch, add'l 17 42; Princeton Sab-sch 25; North ch 87; Mrs C J Hoffman to con Rev R W Henry and wife *Life Members* 90. *Pby of Philadelphia* 2d—First ch Easton 300; Bristol Sab-sch 12 50; Newtown ch, monecol for papal countries 13; Abington ch, mo col 25; Providence ch, a friend 2; 2d ch Norristown 17 50; Port Kennedy ch 38 37; Neshaminy ch 5 2,107 65

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—Wilkinsburg Sab-sch, for sch at Tungchow 30; Pleasant Grove ch 30; Union ch 19. *Pby of Ohio*—Lebanon ch 40; Grace ch Pittsburgh, col'd 2 70; 2d ch Pittsburgh 375 16; East Liberty ch 468 80, mo con 59 = 527 80; 4th ch Pittsburgh Sab-sch 40; Central ch Pittsburgh, add'l 47 73; Temperanceville ch 11; Valley ch, Geo McGahan 4; Bethel ch 150 25; Lawrenceville ch Ladies' Mite Soc'y 40. *Pby of Redstone*—Laurel Hill ch, add'l 3. *Pby of Saltsburg*—Centre ch 6 40; Rockbridge ch Fem Miss'y Soc'y 5 65; Harmony ch 92 20; Rayne ch

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SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—La Crescent ch 5. Sab-sch 2 = 7; Brownsville ch 3. *Pby of St Paul*—Westminster ch Minneapolis, mo con 2 50; St Peter's ch 12. *Pby of Southern Minnesota*—Preston ch 5; Stewartville ch 5; Kasson ch 4; Claremont ch 3 41 50

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SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Fairfield*—Summit Sab-sch 14 30; Salina Sab-sch 6. *Pby of Iowa*—Mt Pleasant ch 97 36; Round Prairie ch 7 25; 1st ch Burlington 22, Sab-sch 18 = 40. *Pby of Missouri River*—First ch Nebraska City 10 249 74

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SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—First ch Prairie du Sac 79. *Pby of Milwaukee*—Delafield Sab-sch 8; Ottawa Sab-sch 5 92 00

Total receipts from churches, \$15,511 73

LEGACIES—Bequest of Mrs Margaretta T Rea dec'd, Strattonville, Pa 12; Legacy of Charles O'Neil, dec'd, Westchester Co., N Y 68.203 Legacy of Benj J Blythe, dec'd, Indianapolis 172 89; Estate of Mrs Jane McClure, dec'd, Elizabeth Township, per Thos Penny, executor 333 34; Bequest of Rev J H Donaldson, dec'd, Schellsburg, Pa 50 \$68,771 23

MISCELLANEOUS—Mrs R Clark, Brooklyn 1; A Friend 75; A Friend 3: Mrs L R 5; Mrs L P Wright 25; Rev Jas Crawford 1; Widow's Offering 5; Mrs C Ashmore 3; Lawrenceville High School, Room No 5, 1 03; Fannie H. Ballston Spa 1; An Illinois Friend 10; Isaac Smith 1 60; Daisy 55; C R Fisk 1; W O Breckenridge, Centreville, Pa 25; H Rennick, Circleville, to con Rev Wm MacMillan, Rev Geo L Kalb and Adam McCrea, Esq *Life Directors* 1,000; Mr E P Dunbar, for Benita 2 25; Wm Shear, Augusta, Ga 20; Rev L Dorland, Concord, N C 10; O R, New Orleans 2; 2d ch Clarksville, Tenn Sab-sch 7 90; "Yorkville" 7; Wm M Capp, Phila 20; Sao Paulo R R Co, Brazil 100; Mrs W D Templeton, Normal, Ill 40; Golden Gate 3 55; W S S 20; M C 2; Mrs Caroline Ashmore, Washington, Ill 7; A Friend 2,500; "Dubuque" 650; Sundries from *The Presbyterian* 895 08; Rev T S Childs, D.D. 25; M R A, Ohio 8 50; Robert Bell, Alexandria, Va 3; Miss R Brown, Franklin co, Pa 2; Miss Esther Temple 6; Dunbar Union Bible Class 10 19 5,553 10

Total Receipts in April, 1869, \$89,836 06

WM. RANKIN, JR., Treasurer,
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Ladies of 1st ch, New York, seven boxes clothing for Greeks, Seminoles and Chippewas, and freight paid.

LETTERS relating to the Missions, or other operations of the Board, may be addressed to the Rev. JOHN C. LOWRIE, or Rev. DAVID IRVING, Secretaries, Mission House, 23 Centre street, New York.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

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All communications, reports, remittances of money, donations, and orders for books, to be addressed to Mr. WINTHROP SARGENT, Superintendent of Colportage, Business Correspondent, and Treasurer.

Subscriptions to *The Record*, and the *Sabbath-School Visitor*, and payments for the same, to be addressed to Mr. PETER WALKER.

A Response.

A Domestic Missionary in Wisconsin thus acknowledges a donation of the Board to his Sabbath-school. The demands upon this Fund are heavy, and it needs replenishing. We again appeal to churches, Sabbath-schools, and benevolent individuals to furnish us the means for making donations of this character to our poor and destitute schools.

“Dear Brother,—The books and papers so generously donated by our Board of Publication to our Sabbath-school came to hand this day. We feel that the donation is a very liberal one, is just what we need, and is made at the very time it will be the means of doing the most good. Until lately our school has been a ‘Union’ school. A short time since we reorganized it, and we are now working on a true Presbyterian basis. We make the Shorter Catechism a text book. You can well imagine that a respectable library of our books, to aid us to stand upon our own feet, will be highly appreciated. Everything looks encouraging with us now. Our school numbers some seventy scholars. My earnest prayer is, that God’s people may see the necessity of contributing liberally to the Board, that it may be enabled to do for many other weak and struggling schools throughout the land, what it has done for us. And permit me to return to you, and the Board, the unanimous and heartfelt thanks of the superintendent, officers, teachers, and children of our school for this blessed gift. We all feel encouraged to go forward with renewed energy in the great work of training our youth for God. May God bless this Board with his choicest favours. Yours in Christ, J. M. McD.”

A Word of Encouragement.

A Domestic Missionary in Illinois, who is also an efficient colporteur within the bounds of his congregation, sends us a few words of encouragement. After giving an account of a precious revival in his congregation he adds,

“During the time of this deep interest it was my habit to go from house to house during the day, accompanied by one of my elders, and furnished with some of the excellent books and tracts of our Board of Publication. God alone knows how largely these have been the blessed

means of pointing souls to Jesus. The work which I performed for the Board has been done gratuitously. There is a blessing in *this strong arm of the Church*, if used aright. That it may be prospered and blessed of God is the prayer of your humble servant.

W. K."

Just what is needed.

A missionary in Wisconsin thus acknowledges the donation from our Board of Publication, of books to the library of his poor but interesting Sabbath-school :

"Dear Brother,—Many thanks to you and the Board, from the children of our Sabbath-school, for your donation of books to its library. They are just such as we needed; and they will be highly prized and eagerly perused by our young folks. If our churches, and if benevolent individuals, knew the good they are doing, and the encouragement they are giving to our feeble churches, by enabling the Board of Publication to make these donations, the treasury of the Board would be replenished with funds which would enable it to flood the whole Northwest with such a sound literature as would more than counteract, through this whole region, the prevalent tendency to infidelity. Hoping such will be the case, I am,

Yours respectfully, A WISCONSIN PASTOR."

A Terrible Warning.

The following incident is related by a colporteur of the Board who is now labouring in the western part of Pennsylvania.

"God sometimes suffers sinners to go unpunished through a long lifetime, but sometimes he seems to give sudden and fearful proofs of His displeasure. As I was recently travelling on my colportage work, I arrived at a village where I had some acquaintances, and where I found a number of the class usually styled 'loafers.' Among the group of persons the subject of religion and religious books was introduced. A gentleman of rather kind and affable manners strongly expressed his infidel sentiments, stating that he had once belonged to the church by a profession, but had left it because he believed the gospel to be only a cunningly devised fable. I expostulated with him and reproved him with more than usual earnestness and sorrow for his sad condition, feeling, indeed, a strange interest on his behalf. The views and sentiments he expressed were shockingly profane, yet outside his infidelity he seemed to be a kind and pleasant man. I left him with the intention of having another interview at the earliest opportunity, when I would, if possible, sell him some suitable books for himself and family. In our conversation I had urged him to consider seriously the effect his infidel principles would have upon his growing family. Only two days after this first interview he was descending a navigable stream on a raft, when, in crossing a dam, he was swept off and instantly drowned. Thus was he without one minute's warning ushered into the presence of that

God of whom he had so lately spoken with bold profanity. At the time of my writing his remains had not been found, and perhaps they will not be until the sound of the great trumpet calls him to stand in the body before his Maker.

C."

Take Heed what Ye Read.

How many will read what they would blush to hear? What we see and read reaches the mind and corrupts the heart, as well as what we hear. What must be the desolating influence of that flood of corrupt literature which is poured in ceaseless torrents over our whole country? What can be expected but that the seed will spring up in the wicked hearts of men, and bring forth its appropriate fruit in deeds of darkness and of blood? To stay this tide of evil should be the aim of every good citizen; and to counteract its influence, the Bible and other good books should be scattered unsparingly in every part of our land. If you would guard your children from the dangers which, in this regard, beset their path, teach them to take heed *what they read*, and place in their hands such books and periodicals as will profit as well as interest them. Such books abound; and why should not the friends of religion and morality be as diligent in circulating them as the devil and his allies are in circulating those that are evil? While the press is so abused by the enemies of that which is good, why should it not be used, and used well and diligently by the friends of virtue and religion? Let God be thanked that it is in any measure used aright; and that thus is fulfilled what is written,—“When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.” Around this standard let all the good rally, that they may resist and turn back the tide of evil and of death! Take heed what ye read!

W. J. M.

A Pastor's Estimate.

A faithful and successful Wisconsin pastor expresses the following opinion of the colportage work. His reports, for a series of years, show him to be an efficient *colporteur* as well as *pastor*.

“My estimation of the preciousness of this agency (colportage) for the gospel work grows every month, perhaps even more from negative testimony confirming the deplorable lack of its service, than even by the positive evidences of its good results. I never have served, and I never will serve as pastor of a people without a stock of our Board’s publications on hand. I hold it to be beyond a question that there are no means by which a pastor or people can effect so much for the general good, or for our ecclesiastical and organic advancement, at a moderate outlay, as by expending it for the dissemination of our Board’s literature. I meet facts daily, in the light of which our general apathy in this duty astounds and saddens me.

J. I. S.”

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I. A Story of Substitution. How the King died for the Murderer. 12mo tract, No. 286. Pp. 8.

The story of Christ and Barabbas rehearsed, and made to teach in a most impressive way, how the sinner is released from the penalty of the broken law, through the suffering endured by Christ in his place.

II. Eating and Drinking Unworthily. By Rev. George S. Mott. 12mo tract, No. 285. Pp. 12.

A clear and edifying statement of what it is *not* and of what it *is*, to eat and drink unworthily at the Lord's table. This tract is well adapted to relieve tender consciences from a mistake, and consequently fear, which often deters them from coming to that table. At the same time it carefully avoids giving encouragement to those who ought to stay away. It is well worthy of general distribution in all our congregations.

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Saratoga Springs ch 20	\$76 50	23 04 \$ 73 12
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Another year of labour in behalf of Church Extension has closed. By the mercy and favour of our blessed Master, all the members of the Board have been spared, and the work in which we are engaged has been carried forward with more rapid progress than in any previous year. The receipts of the Board during the year were \$12,721 in advance of the preceding twelve months, nearly all of which came from the churches—there being but two small legacies amounting only to \$75. This is an encouraging fact, in which we greatly rejoice. Could all our churches be induced to unite with us in this great work, not only would the amount in our treasury be greatly increased, but the hearts of our working people and self-denying missionaries would be greatly encouraged by this evidence of Christian sympathy and co-operation in their work. We have entered upon a new year under some heavy embarrassments, and with the conviction that we shall be called upon more loudly and piteously for aid, by the many new churches that have been organized during the past year by the Christian families and colonies that are converting our western prairies and forests into fruitful farms. Will not the churches come up to our help, in this time of need, with increased liberality? Many of your own sons and daughters are among these emigrants. They must either be fed with the bread of life or famish for the want of it, and if this precious gospel be given to them, they must have sanctuaries in which to assemble to receive it.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION IN APRIL, 1869.

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Churchville ch 10	\$30 00
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special 135; Concord ch 1	33 .00
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gruity ch 9; Livermore ch 16; Salem ch 7;	78 94
Blairsville ch 66	117 84
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Bull Creek ch 5 50; Har-	<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Mt Union ch 5; Princeton ch 4
rissville ch 18; Rich Hill ch 4	27 50
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Temperanceville ch	5 00
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Alliance ch	18 00
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<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Spring Hill ch 15 30; De Graff ch	17 85; 1st ch, West Liberty 5 58; Huntsville ch 3 65
	42 38
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Bethel ch 7; Riley ch 4; Veniee ch 22 55; College Corner ch 3 10; Harmony ch 5	41 65
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Rodney ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Montgomery ch	12 00
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Cape Island ch 5; Deerfield ch 9; Cold Spring ch 20	34 00
<i>Pby of St Louis</i> —Carr Place ch	19 65
<i>Pby of Lake</i> —South Bend ch 7; Bethel ch 1 40	8 40
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Manalapan ch 14; Tennent ch 20	34 00
<i>Pby of South Minnesota</i> —Stewartsville ch 1; Waseca ch 3; Claremont ch 3	7 00
<i>Pby of Milwaukee</i> —Delafield ch 4; Ottawa ch 3 70	7 70
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Lower Ten Mile ch 10; West Alexander ch 43; 1st ch, Washington 45 20 98 20	
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Eureka ch 2; Galloway ch 5	17 09
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Capitol Hill ch	112 00
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Sherrill Mount ch 11; Jessup ch 6 70; Pleasant Grove ch 5	22 70
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —New Bloomfield ch 9 28; Wells Valley ch 5; McConnellsburg ch 5; Middle- town ch 26 77	46 05
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Second ch, Oxford 23 01; Danville ch 2; Asbury ch 11; Knowlton ch 2 05; Upper Mt Bethel ch 10	48 09
<i>Pby of Dane</i> —Hurricane ch 1; Rockville ch 4	5 00
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Annapolis ch 7; Richmond ch 7 25	14 25
MISCELLANEOUS.	
R L and A Stuart, N Y 10,00); A Friend 30; Wm Shear, Augusta, Ga 10; A Friend in Indiana, Pa 2	2,698 93
LEGACY.	
Estate of Mrs Jane McClure, through Thos Penny, executor	14 00
	10,042 00
Total for April,	\$15,031 84
DAVID KEITH, Treasurer,	
St. Louis, Mo.	323 33

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The following amounts have been received since the last report, viz:

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Rockwell's Falls ch 5; Saratoga Springs ch 25	\$30 00
<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Troy 2d ch	71 55
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Tarentum ch 38 95; Sunbury ch 6; Rock Hill ch 4; Clintonville ch 3	51 95
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Concord ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Westminster ch 25; Baltimore 12th ch 25	50 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Silver Spring ch 24 75; Bloomfield ch 2 32	27 07
<i>Pby of Rochester City</i> —Charlotte 1st ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Camden ch Sab-sch	7 00
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Bainbridge ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Cincinnati 7th ch	105 10
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Miami City 1st ch	25 00
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Bethel ch 12; Riley ch 12; Somerville ch 3; College Corner ch 7 50	34 50
<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Spring Hills ch 12; Huntsville ch 2 95	14 95
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Galloway ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Palestine</i> —Mattoon ch	13 00
<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Pisgah ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —Petersburg ch	25 00
<i>Pby of White Water</i> —Dunlapsville ch	1 75
<i>Pby of Burlington</i> —Columbus ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Liberty Corner ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Pittston 1st ch	25 00
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Tennent ch	15 00
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Knowlton ch 2; Asbury ch 9; Upper Mt Bethel ch 5; Oxford 2d ch 18 56; Newton ch 62 02	96 58
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Bound Brook ch 50; Dutch Neck ch 13; New Brunswick 1st ch 20; Cranberry 1st ch 25; Morrisville ch 1; Trenton 2d ch 13 45; Titusville ch 15; Mrs S M Hammill of Lawrenceville ch 20; Religious Contribution Society of Princeton Seminary 50 81 208 26	
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Morristown 1st ch 29 64; Connecticut Farms ch 25; Orange Central ch 100 154 61	
<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —Amwell 2d ch	16 20
<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Towanda ch 10 40; Wyallusing 2d ch 3	13 40
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Bridgeton 1st ch 100; Cold Spring ch 15; Deerfield ch 14	129 00
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Mt Kisco ch	13 52
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Monroe ch 5; Middletown 2d ch 17 52	22 52
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Chelsea ch 12 74; Westminster ch 3 66; Brick ch 529 22; H K Corning of do 100	645 62
<i>Pby of New York 2d</i> —Scotch ch	713 00
<i>Pby of Crawfordsville</i> —Carpentersville ch	7 00
<i>Pby of Hocking</i> —Athens ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Apple Creek ch 15; Dalton ch 39	54 00
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Muskingum ch 10; Coshocton ch 16; Senecaville ch 7	33 00
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Shirleysburg ch	10 00
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Rock ch 15; Zion ch 15	30 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Fourth Pres ch	30 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Germantown 1st ch 210; Deep Run ch 2 03	212 03
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Congruity ch 9; Livermore ch 12 40; Salem ch 5 20; Blairsville ch 53 40	80 06
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Pisgah ch	6 90
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Caledonia ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Uniontown ch 30; West Newton ch 15; Brownsville ch 15	60 00
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Mahoning ch 7; Saltsburg ch 37 05	44 05
<i>Pby of St Paul</i> —St Peters 1st ch	5 00
<i>Pby of S Minnesota</i> —Preston ch 1; Stewartsville ch 1; Kasson ch 1; Clairmont ch 2	5 00
<i>Pby of Des Moines</i> —Knoxville ch	6 75
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Burlington ch	23 25
<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Brownsville ch	8 00
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —New Lisbon 1st ch 20; Alliance ch 13	33 00
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Minerva ch	7 50
<i>Pby of St Clairsburg</i> —Cadiz ch 21; Concord ch 10 35; Bethel ch 2 81; Bellair ch 23 15	57 30
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Holliday's Cove ch 10; Three Springs ch 10; Lower Ten Mile ch 8 65; Claysville ch 10	38 65
	\$3,314 35
Mrs Eleanor Cuyler, of Philadelphia	10 00
Mrs A M Hamilton, of Chicago, Ill	1 00
John H Kelso, Esq	10 00
A Friend	30 00
A Friend to the cause of Christ	1 00
	\$3,366 35
GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly, Office, No. 320 Walnut Street.	
Philadelphia, May 5th, 1869.	

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

Rev. S. C. LOGAN, *Corresponding Secretary.* DAVID ROBINSON, Esq., *Treasurer,* Box 224, Pittsburgh, Pa.
W^m. MAIN, Esq., *Receiving Agent,* 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

Close of the Year.

The Committee closed the year, May 1st, with a small balance in the treasury and a decided progress in the work. They now have seventy-one churches under their care, with church and school property valued at \$66,000. More than a thousand have been added to the communion of the churches during the year, and more than three thousand pupils have enjoyed the privileges of the schools. Eleven churches have been organized, and fifteen houses of worship completed. No question that is to come before the Assembly will be found more important than that referred to a special committee by the last Assembly, viz: the whole question as to what is to be done with the work among the Freedmen. We trust it will have a prayerful consideration.

The Secretary of the Committee spent the month of February in a visitation of the missions, and found evidences of prosperity truly refreshing. The general improvement in the condition of the Freedmen is marked. The churches organized within the last two years are rapidly advancing in knowledge and in the habits of Christian life. The influence of the churches upon the community in which they are placed is salutary, as admitted by all parties. The sacrifices which the people make for the education of their children, and their devotion to the church of their choice is such as to give cheering hope, that the sacrifice now made to help them will be amply repaid. The devotion of our noble band of missionaries, their spirit and multiplied labours are above all praise. They all need help. Each particular field occupied has enlarged by the rapid growth of the churches beyond the powers of the men and women who have charge of them. The church and school must go together among this people. Twenty teachers could just now be placed where large schools ought to be in successful operation, if the funds for their support could be secured. It is a field of the Church's missions, which God is abundantly blessing. Let it have a place in the prayers and alms of all God's people.

Successful Missions increase Demand for Labour.

The work of the missionaries for the last month has been carried on with cheering success. Almost every report brings us news of God's presence in the preaching of his word, and of sinners asking the way of life. There are few communions in the Freedmen churches without additions by examination, and new fields are opening in every mission. A laborious minister in North Carolina gives a few facts in his experience, which show how success in the work increases the demand for labour and enlarges the expense of these missions. He says: "I left my home at 3 o'clock in the morning for M——, distant by rail seventy miles. I spent two days preaching to the people, and received into the communion of that church eight members by examination, a ninth candidate was not able to meet the Session on account of sickness. When I think of the distance I live from this church, and the opposition it has to meet both in my presence and absence, I cannot help thinking this a work of the Lord. It was his special providence that led me here to

gather these sheep in the wilderness about a year ago. It now bids fair to become one of our most charming and prosperous churches. I now have three churches, all prospering, located thirty-five miles apart, and each of them with a wide field about them. Each should have a minister all his time and all must have teachers. The people of M—— are preparing to build a church. They will do all they can: but they must have help, and I believe money given to help them now will be blessed of the Lord."

DONATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN IN APRIL, 1869.

<i>Pby of Atlantic</i> —Ebenezer ch and sch 13; Good Will ch and sch 10; James Island ch and sch 50 85; Luniberton ch and sch 2 70; Wilmington ch and sch 23; Edisto Island ch and sch 6 75; St Andrews ch and sch 3 50; Wadmalaw ch and sch 2 99; St Pauls ch and sch 2 82; Rosindale ch and sch 14 15	\$149 76
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Bull Creek ch 5 50; Glade Run ch 8; Concord ch 17; North Butler ch 8 38 50	
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Pine Creek ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Windsor ch 14; Saratoga Springs ch 25	39 nō
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Harmony ch 10; 12th ch, Baltimore 10; A D Harvey, Westminster ch, Baltimore 25	45 00
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Sharon ch	15 00
<i>Pby of Blairstown</i> —New Salem ch	18 84
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Galloway ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Woodhull ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Bloomfield ch	4 64
<i>Pby of Catawba</i> —Charlotte coloured ch 85 50; McClinton coloured ch 32 65; Woodland coloured ch 18; Mt Olives coloured ch 13; Miranda coloured ch 30; White Hall coloured ch and sch 9; Henderson coloured ch and sch 11 35; Franklinton coloured ch 45 cts; Mocksville coloured ch 2 50; Mt Vernon coloured ch 1 50; Bethpage coloured ch 4; Poplar Tent coloured ch and sch 9 50; Concord coloured ch and sch 6; Statesville coloured ch and sch 70 cts	224 15
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Iowa City ch	20 00
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Mt Pleasant ch 3; Mt Tabor ch 4; Mill Creek ch 6	13 00
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Mt Kisco ch 10; Bedford ch 14; Ry ch 86 41	110 41
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Slateville ch	23 00
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Siloam ch 1; Baskingridge, O S Franklin 10; Elizabethtown ch 5; Liberty Corner ch 10	26 00
<i>Pby of Findlay</i> —West Union ch 15 63; Enon Valley ch 11	26 63
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Caledonia ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Hocking</i> —First ch, Athens	5 00
<i>Pby of Knox</i> —Macon coloured ch and sch, special for building purposes during the year 2291 40; Union Point ch 70; Atlanta ch 7	2,368 40
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Wyoming ch 5; Pittston ch 25	30 00
<i>Pby of Lake</i> —South Bend ch 20; Sumptuous Prairie ch 4	24 00
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Bucyrus ch 10; Delaware ch 7	17 00
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Second ch, Springfield	75 00
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Manalapan ch 12; Tennent ch 5	17 00
<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Brownsville ch	15 00
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Second ch Brooklyn	109 00
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Bethesda ch	8 00
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Greenwich ch 29 87; Asbury ch 9; Upper Mt Bethel ch 2; Danville ch 4; Pleasant Grove ch 20; 2d ch Oxford 18 56	83 43
Total amount rec'd from Churches	\$6,428 67
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Mrs W, East Springfield, Ohio 5; Mrs Em Finley, Phila 25; John W Scott, Phila 30; J L Glenn, Plainfield, Ohio 10; Isabella 51, Louisa 10 cts = 51 10; Rev T B Van Eman, Clintonville, Pa 2; Witherspoon Coloured Sab-sch, Princeton, N J 13; Rev Ja Crawford, Morning Sun, Iowa 1; Columbia coloured ch and sch, Columbia, Tenn 68 70; Russ' ll Grove coloured ch and sch, Va 50 cts; Peatody Fund coloured ch and sch 10; Rev Jas Allison, <i>Presbyterian Banner</i> , Pittsburgh 25; Sundry collections through <i>The Presbyterian</i> , Phila 21 50 442 80	
Total receipts in April,	\$6,871 47
D. ROBINSON, Treasurer, No. 78 Fourth Street, Pittsburgh.	

The Committee acknowledge the following donations:—

1 lot of books from *Presbyterian Depository* of Pittsburgh, valued at \$30 00
 1 box clothing from Congregational ch Norwalk, Conn., valued at 200 00
 1 package books from Miss P., of Pittsburgh, not valued.

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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, June 1st, 1869.

1. The Committee having carefully examined the documents submitted to them, and the Minutes of the Board of Domestic Missions, approve and recommend the report herewith presented as the Report of the Board for the year, to be printed as usual; and the Committee feel it right to express gratitude to God for the 'blessings that has attended the administration of the Board during the year.
2. *Resolved*, That all action founded upon the Report of the Committee of which Rev. Dr. Backus was chairman, be deferred in the existing relations of the Church.
3. *Resolved*, That the arrangements of Seminaries having changed as to length of vacation, it is recommended to the Board to consider whether Theological students, licensed to preach after their second year at the seminary, might not, when recommended by their Presbyteries, be employed with advantage, under the direction of the Presbytery within whose bounds they labour.
4. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as one-fourth of our congregations make no contributions to the funds of the Board, and inasmuch as the wants of the country increase from year to year; it is recommended that the General Assembly authorize and enjoin Presbyteries to inquire at their first meetings after the time appointed for the making of the collections, into the reasons for omission, when no collection has been made.
5. *Resolved*, That the ability, wisdom, and energy of the *pro. tem.* Corresponding Secretary of the Board (the Rev. G. W. Musgrave, D.D.), during the past six months, in bringing the Board out of the embarrassments in which he found it, into a condition of comparative prosperity and usefulness, deserve honourable mention, and that we express the desire that his health may permit his valuable services being retained by the Board.

Encouraging Report.

Missouri.

Dear Brother,—Yours of the 11th inst. came to hand in my absence, and, heretofore, has not been more promptly replied to.

In this my quarterly report I may say, I organized the Greenwood Church in the latter part of February, consisting of eleven members. Since that period our audiences have been large and attentive, and at a recent com-

munion season, two children were baptized, and ten adult persons added to our little body; four on examination, and six on certificate. Some ten or twelve more are expected to unite with us at an early period.

Greenwood is situated in the bosom of a large body of rich lands, on the M. and P. Railroad, in the eastern part of Jackson County, and being the location of an institution of learning, of some pretension, under the direction of a United Presbyterian minister, it is becoming, though small, a highly interesting little village. Great numbers of United Presbyterian and Presbyterian families are coming in, and for the sake of the school and the advantages of a well-regulated and moral community, are taking up the rich lands and filling up the village. The members of the U. P. Church are entirely fraternal in their actions toward us, saying, it will not be long till we are all one in form as we are already one in spirit.

When our church was organized, there was but one church edifice in the place, and, as we were practically excluded from that, the United Presbyterian Church and ours purchased a business lot, and erected a business room twenty-five by fifty feet. This has been finished, seated, and is now occupied as a place of worship. It will hold when jammed, as it has been lately frequently jammed, about two hundred and fifty persons, and is quite a cosy little affair. The present prospect is that both churches will soon be able to build separate edifices for themselves. Then this building can be sold at an advance upon its cost.

Heavy expenses have fallen upon our little band since their organization, and yet they have a heart for the work, and a good appetite for the bread of life, with no symptoms of spiritual dyspepsia, so that I hope they may be able to feed themselves after the expiration of the current six months. Still this remains to be tested. I feel great assurance that they will not need aid beyond

the first year, probably not beyond the present grant. For this they feel thankful to the churches which have afforded it.

At some future period I may think it admissible to offer some suggestions, and state some facts in regard to the work of missions in this great Western world.

Praying that God, our Father, may guide our beloved Church in its present movements, and in all its great enterprises I remain, Very truly yours.

Progress.

New York.

Rev. and Dear Doctor,——In closing up my year as a missionary in the service of the Board, I have to say that it has been a year of more than usual prosperity with this church. In no period of its history, it being forty-two years since its organization, has it enjoyed a greater degree of prosperity. Discordant elements are becoming more harmonized; more unity of the Spirit; an increased degree of benevolence; more enlarged views as to duty in supporting the gospel. The Holy Spirit has been with us since the week of prayer. We have had present at our prayer-meetings sometimes as many as one hundred and thirty. The present fruits are sixteen conversions, six of whom united with the church at our communion in March. The ordinary stated Sabbath services, forenoon and evening, have been regularly maintained during the quarter, also our regular weekly prayer-meetings; in addition during a part of the quarter, there have been held extra prayer-meetings on two evenings in the week.

While I believe we have, as a church, for the last two years and more, been steadily gaining ground, nevertheless our progress is slow, and we have innumerable obstacles to contend with; many things exceedingly discouraging; and there is need, on the part of both pastor and people, of very much faith and patience, nay, determined perseverance.

It may be perhaps necessary for me to say to you in conclusion what is well known to most of our Presbytery, that the whole amount which I receive from this people is four hundred and fifty dollars, and they have made extra effort to bring their subscriptions up to this standard. I would further say that in order to make both ends meet, it is necessary for me to use funds of my own to the extent of sixty dollars per year, so that I am virtually the largest *payer* on my salary, while I am the *least able* to do it. For by thus doing I am taking from that which ought to go to increase my library, which stands greatly in need of increase; and I ought to lay by a little for a "rainy day." I say this not by way of complaint, but simply to give you an insight into some of the facts in the case.

Truly your brother in Christ,
C. W. M.

A Revival.

Indiana.

Dear Brother,—It is now the end of the quarter, and I make my report. First of all I thank you for renewing my commission for another year. I also thank you for your kind wishes of comfort and success in my arduous work. May God give you joy in seeing all the churches under your care as abundantly blessed as *mine* has been the last quarter; we have had interest on the subject of religion in our church a good part of last quarter. Twenty-four have been received on examination, and some eight or ten more will probably unite with us this coming week.

A few weeks since we held a series of meetings every night, and I had no one to assist me, but the "power of the Lord was present to heal them," and many of our dear Sabbath-school children came out on the Lord's side. We are now holding meetings, and we look for a great work to be done. Two or three of the ministers in this city will assist me this week. There are a good many families of Moralists, Unitarians,

and Infidels around us. We have so far failed to reach any of the *parents* in these families, but some of their children have been converted and will unite with us, thus by the *children* we then drive as it were a wedge, and hope in time to reach the parents also. There is one family near our church of "German Turner Infidels," their little girl has given her heart to Christ and wants to unite with us, but her parents will not permit her. We believe that the Lord will open the way in His own time. Our Sabbath-school is doing well; we have a good attendance. I might give a more full report by going more into detail, but suppose this is sufficient.

Your brother in Christ,
W. B. C.

Extraordinary Success.

Wisconsin.

*Very Dear Sir,—*This day closes a quarter, and to-morrow will terminate the first three years of my labours, and of the efforts of a Presbyterian church on this field. It had long been regarded as so discouraging that none of the great Presbyterian family had ventured to plant their standard in the place, and truly the prospect was wholly forbidding to everything, at our coming, except Divine reliance.

But even now, the results attained will not wholly disappoint the judgment of those who insist upon our throwing ourselves upon the great masses, and our resolute seizure upon the large towns, in the evangelization of our country.

We have erected and finished two houses of worship, at an aggregate cost of ten thousand dollars, and less than two thousand dollars of this money was procured off our own field. I may as well say, our Board of Church Extension gave us one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars. The church having still but one organization, has two congregations, two houses of worship, and separate boards of trustees, whose

property jointly is worth twelve thousand dollars. The organization, formed two years and eight months ago, has received eight-five members, and dismissed nine, leaving seventy-six. Their congregations jointly, as well as Sabbath-school and prayer-meetings are as large, if not larger than any in our

city. And the prospects of the churches' growth never seemed to me better than at present.

These things astonish and humble me when I think of them. But all the praise, as all the power and the wisdom unto God, who alone doth wondrous things.

J. I. S.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN MAY, 1869.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Amsterdam Village ch 58; Saratoga Springs ch Sab-sch 22 72
\$80 72

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Pleasant Valley ch 10 50; Ebenezer ch 21 06. *Pby of Allegheny City*—Ger ch, Allegheny 1 98 33 54

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—South ch. Baltimore, bal 14 75; Ellicott's City ch. from a lady 30. *Pby of Carlisle*—Lower Path Valley ch 33 29; Burnt Cabins ch 8 50; Harrisburg ch Sab-sch, for Santa Fe, New Mexico 75; Petersburg ch 8 15. *Pby of Concord*—Davidson's River ch 2. *Pby of Potomac*—New York Ave ch, Washington, D C, add'l 90 53 259 13

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Rochester City*—Charlotte 1st ch 20 00

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Bureau*—Calvary ch 8. *Pby of Chicago*—North ch, Chicago 295 76. *Pby of Rock River*—Zion ch 5; Scales Mound ch 5; Cedarville ch 30 343 76

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Kaskaskia*—Waveland ch 7 70. *Pby of Saline*—Friendsville ch 10. *Pby of Sangamon*—Dawson sch 17 40 26 70

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of New Albany*—Clear Spring ch 5 00

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Muscatine Ger ch 8 00

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Neosho*—Fort Scott ch 7 00

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Palmyra*—Grantsville ch 3; Ebenezer ch 9 55; Ashley ch 13 25 55

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Elizabethtown*—Pluckemin ch 20; Roseville ch 5. *Pby of Luzerne*—Coalville ch 7 50; Wilkesbarre ch. add'l 91. *Pby of Monmouth*—Spring Valley ch Sab-sch 3 50; Middletown Point eh Sab-sch 10. *Pby of New Brunswick*—From Rev R Taylor, D.D. 15. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Towanda ch 100. *Pby of West Jersey*—Cape Island ch 13 265 00

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Poundridge ch 75. *Pby of Hudson*—Hopewell ch. from a friend of Missions 10. *Pby of Long Island*—Presbyterian coll 51 51. *Pby of New York*—Jersey City 1st ch 246 41. *Pby of Shantung*—Chefoo ch 11 96 394 88

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Lake*—South Bend ch 30. *Pby of Muncie*—Selma ch 1 60 31 60

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Marion*—Pisgah ch 3; Caroline ch 1. *Pby of Richland*—Chesterville ch 5; Savannah ch Sab-sch 10 17. *Pby of Wooster*—West Salem eh. from Miss S L Stoneroad 5. *Pby of Zanesville*—Madison ch 38; Salem Ger ch 6 75; Mount Pleasant ch 10; Beulah ch 4 50 83 42

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Benicia*—Healdsburg ch 10 62. *Pby of California*—Howard St ch San Francisco 10 20 62

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Lancaster ch. from Mrs M Scofield 10. *Pby of New Castle*—New London Congregation, from Mrs M N C 30. *Pby of Northumberland*—Warrior Run ch 30. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Bethany ch 20 04 90 04

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—

Johnstown ch 68 74; New Salem ch 25 99. *Pby of Clarion*—Academia ch 1; Rockland ch 8; Emlenton ch 2. *Pby of Ohio*—Mt Washington ch 6 80. *Pby of Saltsburg*—Bethesda ch 5 55; Glade Run ch 30; Pine Run ch 17; Leechburg ch Sab-sch 8 12; Rural Valley ch 18 85 192 05

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of St Paul*—Kingston ch 3. *Pby of Southern Minnesota*—Rochester ch 15; Eyoita ch 1 19 00

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Michigan*—Bentonning ch and Perry congregation 12 20

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—Agricola ch 1 75

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Yellow Creek ch 40. *Pby of St Clairsville*—Martinsville ch 10. *Pby of Steubenville*—Harlem ch 10. *Pby of Washington*—Wheeling 4th ch 15; Pigeon Creek ch Sab-sch for Santa Fe, New Mexico 9 40 84 40

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Winnebago*—Mayville Ger ch 5 00

Total received from churches, \$2,009 36

LEGACIES.—Estate of B J Blythe, dec'd, Indianapolis, Ind 172 89; Balance of Legacy of Hon Ira C Whitehead, dec'd, late of Morristown, N J 21 30; Patterson Estate, Pittsburgh, Pa 105 42; Estate of Mrs E J Patterson, late of Allegheny, Pa 1000 1.299 61

MISCELLANEOUS.—A Friend, New Jersey 60; Mrs Mary Campbell, Allegheny City, Pa 1; Miss Hatie Conway, Sprout Creek, N Y 5; "Itinerant" 2; Mrs E E Townsend, Painted Post, N Y 10; Johnsonville ch Sab-sch, N Y 11; Col C S Todd, Owensonboro' Ky 5; J S Glenn, Plainfield, Ohio 5; T B Hayslip, Weston, Ill 1; "S." Jefferson Co, Ky 150; Dr John S Crane 35; John Patterson, Allegheny City, Pa 250; Livermore Sab-sch 5 55; John Anderson, Anderson's Mills, Pa 5 549 55

Total Receipts in May, 1869, \$3,858 52

S. D. POWEL, Treasurer,
No. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

CLOTHING.

1 box from the Ladies of Germantown 1st ch, valued at \$252 00

1 box from the Ladies of Rutgers ch, New York City, valued at 225 00

\$177 00

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Treasurer—SAMUEL D. POWEL

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTEOUS, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among the sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land. And I will make them, and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.—EZEK. xxxiv.

A Great Event in the Kingdom of Christ.

The decision of the last Assemblies of the two principal branches of the Presbyterian Church to become one, with a unanimity which can only be accounted for by the prayer which the whole people over the land were lifting with great anxiety to God for direction to be given to their representatives, (if their action be ratified by two-thirds of the Presbyteries, of which there seems to be little doubt), is one of the great events in the history of Christianity. It marks the beginning of a mighty advance in the efficiency of the Presbyterian Church in the New World, an era in the progress of the kingdom of Christ among mankind.

How wonderful has been the hand of the Lord Almighty in preparing the way!

Among the first persons to long for the healing of the wound made by the division which took place a generation ago were some of the foreign missionaries of each branch of the Church. Far removed from the scenes of conflict, and cast together in heathen lands, to fight side by side against the tremendous powers of heathen superstition and vice, to preach in the same chapels to tearful penitents, to distribute the same fervent tracts upon the fundamental doctrines of the cross, to live often as affectionate members of the same families, to make journeys in the same boats, to seek counsel of each other in difficulties and troubles, and comfort in scenes where they were to each other more than brethren and sisters—how could they but love and trust each other; look far more at the grand matters of identity in faith, in church order, in aims, and in the part assigned them by Providence in the advancement of the kingdom of Christ; wonder whether after the ends of the divine dispensation in the great trials of these Churches had passed, there might not be found some way towards a reconstruction of a noble, symmetrical and greater edifice; and pray God to hasten it? It was a sore trial to many in each branch of the Church to see the efforts and resources of one of them spent in such a way as to rear a structure which wanted the harmony, strength and beauty of the Presbyterian order, and to behold after all its vast contributions of men and money, not a solitary presbytery erected in the foreign fields, or represented in the General Assembly, while in the other branch the germs of the session, the presbytery and synod, were preparing the people of various lands for the establishment of true and well fortified religious and civil liberty.

The zealous labourers in publishing salvation in the remote States of the West, on the Pacific slope of the Continent, and on the boundaries of the North, were in like manner brought into sympathy in the presence of common enemies and toils, and in the sweet fellowship of fraternal co-operation in good works, and intercourse in each others' humble homes. They were the first to venture to address the General Assembly with pleas for renewed unity. And it has pleased God to

raise up one who has been for many years the most efficient promoter of the Church's Domestic Missionary work to be one of the chief instruments in bringing the divided members of the Presbyterian family to understand each other, and to agree to come together again.

The older churches have been powerfully influenced during the past twelve years by the Spirit of God to desire and pray for a universal revival of religion. The general conventions for prayer, the conventions of elders, the conventions of Sabbath-school teachers, the noonday prayer-meetings, the observance of the week of prayer in January for the conversion of the world, and other union meetings of the most fervent and active Christians, have vastly enlarged the horizon of their common aims, and desires and prayers. They have felt ashamed of the strife and the provocations (the Meribahs and Massahs) of the wilderness, and their hearts have been inspired with new hopes and mutual love and greater patience and alacrity, as the

"Sweet fields arrayed in living green,
And rivers of delight"

of a better and happier age have begun to rise to their sight.

The nation, too, has been passing of late years through a bloody and terrible chastisement of which this reviving sense of brotherhood, the desire to magnify the greater things of the law without omitting the less fundamental, this deep longing to get still more near to Jesus as him who loved us and washed us from our sin in his own blood, and this unquenchable yearning to go down with the cup of salvation to the poorest, the vilest, the farthest away from knowledge and peace are all the choice and proper fruit. O, for more of it! Let us not be as those who tempted God, and to whom he sware in his wrath that they should not enter into his rest. "They soon forgot his work; They waited not for his counsel."

But while we praise the Lord, let us with humility and fear remember the responsibilities which this great event lays upon us.

Responsibilities of anxious submissive prayer for Jesus and his kingdom's sake, to be taught what next the Lord will have us to do. Responsibilities of charity and magnanimity in overlooking the differences and suspicions of the past "wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy?" [or, jealousy]. Responsibilities of obligation to the scattered sheep of our own Israel which have wandered through all the mountains of this great Continent and become meat to every beast of the field in its wild and solitary places, "because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock." Responsibilities to raise up and qualify our sons and daughters for that work. Responsibilities of sympathy with brethren of the Church of the Lord Jesus who are moving forward under other standards, but beneath the same pillar of cloud and of fire, in the same host, to common victories, and to one millennial hope and one heavenly home. And responsibilities in respect to the countless millions of Romanists, infidels and heathens, whom an impatient God is beginning to roll upon this land from the Old Continents on either hand; with a design either to rouse up the lethargic dreaming Church to her duty to a dying world, or to swallow her up, with all her wealth and all her sons and daughters, in the waves of desolation and wrath.

Will the Presbyterian Church wake up to meet these responsibilities, or not?

Semi-Centenary of the Board of Education.

The occasion was celebrated by appointment of the General Assembly, at the Brick Church, New York, on Tuesday evening, May 15th. It was attended by

members of the two Assemblies in session at that time, and by a large audience of residents of the city and strangers drawn there by the discussions of the Assemblies. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Speer, Secretary of the Board, and a few introductory remarks from him. The Rev. Dr. McGill delivered the first address, upon the benefits rendered to the Presbyterian Church, and to the cause of Christ, by the Board. Rev. Dr. Willis Lord presented the relation of the Board to the evangelization of our own country, and the Rev. Dr. Beadle that to the conversion of the world. The concluding address was made by the Rev. Dr. McCosh, on the functions of the Church in regard to elementary education.

A Semi-centenary Review, or Practical Summary of the Principles and Work of the Board, from its establishment in 1819 till the present time, had been prepared by the Secretary for the occasion, and was distributed to the ministry and elders. This pamphlet, containing fifty-six pages, is divided into two principal parts, relating to Ministerial and General Education. Under the former are included several chapters entitled "Formation of the Board," "Fundamental Principles and Motives," "Illustrations of these Motives and Principles in the History of the Board," "Provision for Physical Wants," "Spiritual Care of Candidates," "Financial Policy of the Board," and "Numerical Statements of Work and Results." In the other are considered the "Earlier History" of the efforts in regard to General Education, "Results," "Causes of Failure," "Statistics of General Education," and "Duties of the Future." The "Conclusion" urges the reasons for new exertions in the field of education, and makes a number of practical suggestions to that effect. There is a list of the officers of the Board from the beginning. This pamphlet is intended to be a complete summary, in a compact form, of the principles and operations of the Board, during this first half century of its existence, such as will be valuable in all future time, and also a manual which will be very useful for ministers, and all interested in the education of young men for the ministry of the gospel.

The General Assembly ordered the Semi-centenary Review to be published and a copy sent with the Annual Report to each minister and church session. There will be added to it as much as practicable of the very able and interesting addresses delivered at the meeting. The whole is a document which should be thoroughly perused, and its suggestions carried out by the ministry of the Church and all interested in the education of candidates for the ministry.

The Annual Report.

The Annual Report to the General Assembly was made as brief as possible, in view of the special report to be made at the semi-centenary meetings. A tribute is paid in it to the memory of Rev. Dr. Gurley, who was originally a candidate under the care of the Board, (received in 1833,) and had been on two occasions elected Corresponding Secretary of it. The only topic pressed under the Ministerial Department is the great importance of more complete and thorough pastoral care over the students by the Presbyteries, which it is hoped will receive the consideration of the ministry and eldership. The reports of schools, &c., are confined to those aided by the Board, or making special reports; these are interesting and worthy of perusal.

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<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Dayton 1st and 3d chs	53 53		
<i>Pby of Mohawk</i> —Oswego 1st ch	96 50		
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Newton ch	5 14		
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<i>Pby of New Albany</i> —Livonia ch 4 20; Paoli ch 4 15	8 35		
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —First ch Pittsburgh, add'l 5; Monongahela City ch 28 20; Mt Carmel ch 4 10; North Branch ch 6 70	44 00		
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —College Corners ch 7 50; Harmony ch 10; Venice ch 23; Somerville ch 3	43 50		
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Recent Intelligence.

ARRIVAL OF MISSIONARIES.—D. B. McCartee, M. D., and his wife, of the Ningpo Mission, China, and the Rev. P. H. Pitkin, of the mission in the United States of Colombia, arrived at New York, May 25th.

CONVERTS ADMITTED TO THE CHURCH.—Mr. Ramsay was permitted to receive two converts into the Seminole Church on the 23d. of May; another applicant for admission was advised to wait longer. Mr. Mills reports the baptism of three men by Mr. Mateer at Tungchow, China, April 4th; two of them were from towns more than a hundred miles distant from the missionary station. Mr. Mills adds, “I believe the number on our church book is just fifty. I think I found four when I came here seven years ago.” At Chiang Mai the brethren were greatly encouraged; the first convert at that station was received as a member of the church by baptism on the first Sabbath in January. He is the man referred to in the report of the mission among the Laos as often visiting the missionaries. See the report on a subsequent page. Mr. Heyl mentions the admission of three new members to the church of Mynpurie, at the last communion before April 15th. At Rio de Janeiro, another convert was admitted to the church on the first Sabbath of April, on profession of his faith.

LIBERALITY OF NATIVE CHRISTIANS.—Mr. Walsh reports over 800 rupees—\$400 in gold—as subscribed at Allahabad to pay off the debt of the Board, largely by native Christians as we understand. Mr. Heyl mentions that Mr. Wyckoff before he left Mynpurie, had obtained from the native Christians and others 250 rupees for the same object. Most of these Hindu donors are in very poor circumstances,—to a degree hardly ever known in our favoured country. From Benita also we have received an interesting report by Miss Nassau of the self-prompted efforts of the native Christians to build a church. This report came to hand too late for our columns, but it mentions that the few and poor members of the Benita Church had subscribed \$100 for a house of worship,—a very large sum for them.

A GOOD REPORT.—The Rev. J. L. Nevius, writing at Shanghai, April 18th, after having visited the scene of his former labours, speaks in terms of thankfulness as follows: “I have visited nearly all our stations and out-stations [of the Ningpo Mission], and I am glad to say that, while there are many things which we all wish were otherwise, there is everywhere much to make us thankful. I believe that all the agents employed by our Church are laborious, faithful, and useful according to their ability and opportunities. I have been particularly pleased to see the improvement in our native preachers. The foreign brethren are trusting them more and more, and I believe they have never yet been disappointed in them.”

LETTERS RECEIVED TO JUNE 14TH.—From the Omaha Mission, June 2d; Winnebago, June 4th; Creek, May 12th; Seminole, May 24th; San Francisco, May 28th; Yokohama, April 29th; Peking, March 31st; Tungchow, April 5th; Shanghai, April 19th; Canton, April 16th; Bangkok, April 16th; Chiaug Mai, February 3d; Allahabad, April 20th; Mynpurie, April 15th; Ambala, April 10th; Lodiana, April 16th; Rawal Pindi, April 19; Monrovia, May 7th; Benita, April 13th; Corisco, March 15th; Rio de Janeiro, April 24th.

The Cause of Missions in the General Assembly.

The Assembly in its late meeting gave earnest consideration to the subject of Foreign Missions. The responsibility was taken of directing the Board to go forward, and not to arrest any part of the work. And this resolution was formed in full view of the fact that much larger funds would be needed this year than were received last year, after deducting the large bequest. Yet it was not doubted that the Church is able to provide the means required, especially if all or most of our Christian people can be enlisted in the work. To secure this end special directions were sent to the Presbyteries, and other important counsels were given. The Minutes and Resolutions adopted will be seen by most of our readers in other publications; we quote here but a single paragraph: "And the members of this Assembly hereby promise the Board their hearty sympathy and cordial co-operation, and pledge their influence with their several Presbyteries to sustain this work." This pledge will not be forgotten, and it cannot fail to produce good results. It was made after a venerable member of the Assembly had called particular attention to what was involved in adopting the resolutions then before the house. In speaking of the proposal to increase the finances of the Board, and so to avoid the calamity of arresting its progress, he said, in words which will not soon be forgotten, "If you *act* upon that resolution, you take from me my only son, the delight and hope of my old age, and we part to meet no more this side of the river of death. But if you merely *pass* that resolution, my son remains with me, perhaps permanently." (His son is one of the brethren who are under appointment as missionaries to China.) In eloquent terms did he continue to plead for onward movement in this work. We trust the same spirit of sacrifice for Christ will more and more prevail amongst both ministers and people. We are sure that our blessed Lord will grant his blessings to all who by his grace thus devote themselves, and all that is dear to them, to his glory and service.

The Annual Report will soon be in the hands of our ministers, and copies will be sent to other Christian friends, who may furnish their post-office address with a desire to receive it. We commend its statements to careful consideration. The impression will then be made on every mind, that the general aspect of our missionary work is certainly encouraging, and that in a high degree. What vast fields are open in nearly all parts of the world! What faithful labourers are at work! What precious results already follow their labours! What calls for more men, for enlarged efforts, for greater faith and hope!

Mission among the Laos---Review of the year.

We insert here the report of this new mission. Our readers will feel grateful for its good beginning, and its good prospects. We trust our missionary brethren will be sustained by the prayers and sympathies of our churches. None of our missionaries are so completely separated from connection with the Christian world, as are these two families; but our blessed Lord is evidently with them.

Dear Brethren,—The Chiang Mai Mission closes its second year with

brightening prospects. The cloud, which had arisen before its last annual report, which continued for some time afterwards to darken the horizon, has disappeared. The indifference—displeasure we might say, which the King of Chiang Mai for a time manifested toward your missionaries was, no doubt, owing to the counsels of an unprincipled adventurer. But he having lost his influence at Court, has left for Bangkok, most probably not to return.

On the 28th inst. the king favoured us with a visit. He came to hear the "organ," or "music box," as the Laos call it. He was highly pleased with the music, and as he left, asked of his own

accord, "Where is the place you have selected?" Yesterday evening he sent a messenger, requesting us to meet him, as he was then on his way to select us a place. We obeyed, and were a few minutes afterwards following him across the river. The place, which we suppose he had intended for us, proved to be unsuitable. Leading us back up the river a short distance, he explored a small but beautiful garden plat, and declared it to be just what we wanted. We liked it much, but as it was quite too small we begged an additional plat. This his majesty was pleased to grant. For convenience of location, the ground thus bestowed is all that can be desired. Though still rather small for two mission families, it will do for "the day of small things." Our faith assures us of an extension in God's own good time.

But to go back—the year began, as the last one closed, with only Rev. D. M'Gilvary and family on the field. To them were given the trials and the pleasures too of the pioneer. Rev. J. Wilson and family reached Chiang Mai the 15th of February. Some doubted the propriety of their joining the mission at that time. But they came and the mercy of the Lord delivered them from the dangers of the journey. On their arrival they found a comfortable bamboo home provided for them by the assiduous efforts of their pioneer associates. The materials for its construction had been secured with the greatest difficulty, owing to restrictions put upon their sale by the Government.

In cases of sickness both mission families have been graciously preserved. God has been our physician in physical as well as in spiritual maladies. As we look back over our experiences, some of them dark and sad, the review gives us for each sorrow an Ebenezer of grateful remembrance. The Lord has delivered us out of all our troubles. One of the greatest of these met us, when we heard that our brother, Rev. S. R House, M. D., had been stricken to the earth by an infuriated elephant, while on his way to render us medical aid. The Church has already learned what a marvellous escape he had from death. It was impossible for us to visit him, but the Father of mercies watched over him, and healed him and thus lifted from our hearts a burden of grief. For a time Dr. House was with us, and we had the privilege of mingling our praises with his. During his stay our little church was organized, and with him we commemo-

rated for the first time in Chiang Mai the dying love of our risen Lord. For these signal blessings and privileges you will join us in devout thanksgiving to God.

But our work and prospects must have their share in this report. Of the field we may emphatically say, "white unto the harvest." The Laos are ready, and waiting for the gospel. Your missionaries are favorably regarded by all classes. Visitors come from every part of the Laos provinces. In many cases it is for medicine, of whose healing virtues they have heard. Curiosity brings some, while passers-by may always be attracted to the missionary dwelling by the sound of music. But whatever be the attracting cause, it affords abundant opportunities for preaching the gospel. Every day brings its audience of respectful hearers, many of whom hear for the first time the story of salvation. For our greater encouragement, many return to hear again. We feel confident that a few, at least, are very near the kingdom of God. Of one, who visits us often, we have great hopes. He lives in a village some miles from the city. He is of tall and commanding figure, and has a face expressive of earnestness. He called upon Mr. M'Gilvary shortly after his arrival in Chiang Mai, and he has repeated his calls until his inquiring mind has stored itself with many of "the first principles of the doctrine of Christ." He appears also to have a taste for scientific information. He was highly delighted with explanations relative to the late eclipse of the sun, given before its occurrence. He now rejects the Budhist idea of eclipses, and his faith in the Budhist system is greatly weakened. He thinks his heart has been softened by the truth. We hope to number him among Christ's people before the close of another year.

A preaching service is held in one of the mission houses every Sabbath forenoon and an English service in the afternoon. Mrs. M'Gilvary has a class of women whom she catechizes and instructs on Sabbath evenings. The missionary may have a daily opportunity of preaching Christ, in any of the public *solas* in and around the city. Travellers and market people, in going or coming, often stop at these resting places, when they are not indisposed to hear what he may have to say. Each dwelling also within the city walls offers an open door for his visits. Add

to the touring he might do among the villages that line the river banks, or that lie scattered over the rice growing plains, and you have the work to be done in the single province of Chiang Mai. But what of the regions beyond? Who should preach to them "Jesus and the resurrection?"

Medicines, principally in the form of quinine, which Mr. M'Gilvary sells, has been the key to many a heart. The little Mr. M'Gilvary has been able to do for the diseases of the body, has installed him in the good graces of the people. He has been successful in several cases of minor surgery and this too has won for him their regard. During the spring and summer he vaccinated four hundred and sixty-seven persons, this number including a few vaccinated by Dr. House and Mr. Wilson. Remembering that here one half to two-thirds sometimes of those attacked by small-pox die, you can compute the number of lives that have been saved. Mr. M'Gilvary made two visits to a Karen settlement east of Chiang Mai, and succeeded in vaccinating old and young. He also preached Christ unto them. Their hearts have been reached, and who knows but they may ere long be gathered into the church. Knowing the influence which the dispensing of a few simple medicines has secured, we would ask, "Cannot you send us a missionary physician?"

Looking over this broad and interesting field, and aware of the solemn fact that "the harvest is plenteous, but the labourers few," we send you our earnest call for more labourers. Let not the Church say, "The time has not yet come, wait at least until those on the field have secured a place to pitch their tents. Is the zeal that asks for more labourers just now a prudent one?" Had the *Church* a zeal that could say to-day to fifty young men in our Theological Seminaries, "Here are the means of your support, go and carry the gospel to the Laos," that could utter such language, and that would fire the hearts of those fifty young men to come on such a mission, would secure for each on their arrival a home and a work,—this would soon tell in the conversion of thousands of the Laos to Christ.

One of our greatest wants is the press, and for the present the lithographic press. The Laos are a reading people but as yet we have no printed gospel truth to give them. Until such times as the language can be reduced to type

printing, the lithograph press would help to fill a serious blank in our missionary work. Preferring our request for such a press, and repeating our call for helpers, we remain,

Yours in a precious gospel, —.

Chiang Mai, North Laos, Sept. 30th, 1868.

"A few Incidents" of a Missionary Tour.

We are indebted to the Rev. J. F. Ullmann of Futtehgurh, India, for the interesting accounts here given.

In the month of November, we, Brothers Kellogg, Johnson, with their families, and myself, went on a tour of itineration in the Kaimunge and Shumshabad districts, northwest of Furrukhabad. I do not intend giving you a description of our tour, but will merely mention a few incidents which may be of interest to you. On our way to Kaimunge, in a large number of villages and in the town itself, we preached the gospel, in which work we were assisted by seven native catechists or scripture readers. Some of them are very valuable men, who, I hope, will one day become bishops of native congregations.

The town of Kaimunge contains a large number of Mohammedans, of whom a great many had been formerly connected in some way or other with the Ex-Nuwab of Furrukhabad, who, on account of taking part against the English Government, during the mutiny in 1857, was expatriated by them, and is now, as rumour says, a Mohammedan fukeer at Mecca. This circumstance, as also the facts that several^t of the rebellious minor Nuwabs at Furrukhabad had been hung by the English, embittered the Mohammedans at Kaimunge, which feeling was also increased by the punishment which Government inflicted upon them for siding with the mutineers, in destroying their houses, or confiscating their property. The old fort in Kaimunge, which once belonged to the Ex-Nuwab, has also been razed to the ground, and that town has in consequence an appearance of desolation, and the only thriving people in it are the Hindoos. In the morning we preached in three or four places to very attentive audiences, mostly Hindoos, and in the afternoon we generally had a number of visitors near our tents, who came to hear more, or to have some of their objections answered. We also

visited another town eight miles from there, Shumshabad, where we with our assistants spent a day in preaching in the Bazar from morning till about two P. M. We had many hearers, and amongst them several who having heard the gospel before, or read some of our books, were to visit us at Futtehgurh.

Brother Kellogg and myself paid also a visit to the resident Nuwab Doolah, who, if I remember correctly, was condemned to be hung after the mutiny, but who escaped narrowly from such a fate through Brother Fullerton's or Scott's kindly interceding for him. I had visited him fifteen years ago, when on a missionary tour to this place, and he recognized me at once again, and mentioned the conversation and other circumstances which had taken place at that time. After conversing on general topics I asked him what his hopes now were, regarding the world to come, to which he replied that he trusted in God's mercy. "But you know," said I, "that you and I cannot appear before God without a competent mediator." "I believe in Jesus for he is a great prophet." "If the queen of England should pay you a visit, would you honour her by calling her merely a lady? Could you not address her as the queen? You dishonour Christ by classifying him merely with the prophets, for he is the Son of God. Moreover a mere prophet can never be your mediator." "Very well, but then his sonship is very different from that of a human creature, born of father and mother." "Yes, so it is, he is the everlasting Son of the Father." "I cannot understand a Divine Being until he assumes my nature; hence I can only comprehend Christ, when, born of the Virgin Mary, he became man." "Very true, but then remember why he assumed a body. It was in order that he might suffer and die in our stead, to bear the penalty of our sins. He is the mediator, the only mediator, between God and man, the man Jesus Christ, and through him alone, and not through Mohammed or any other creature can we come to God." "I have read much of the Lord Jesus in the New Testament which is with me, and I know him under the different names, Son of God, Jesus, Christ, Emanuel, &c. You do not know what is in my heart." We thus went on conversing together for about half an hour, but as he was surrounded by other Hindoos and Mohammedans, he no doubt felt embarrassed and afraid to express boldly all what he believed.

When we separated he said, "You are an old friend of mine, I hope we shall meet again." "But," said I, "we may not meet again in this world, for you are now old, and—?" "Yes, but have we not the same faith?" "No, we have not." "Are your first parents, Adam and Eve, the same as mine?" "Yes." "Is your God also my God?" "Yes, but my Saviour is not your saviour, for you do not believe in him." We were then alone, and he said, "You do not know, sir, what I believe in my heart respecting the Lord Jesus." We then separated. Before we went to him I had sent him some of our books which I know he will read. He is, to say the least, not far from the kingdom of heaven, if not secretly a disciple of Christ. He has no confidence in Mohammed. Some time ago he intended to publish a book about Mohammed, written by him, but the Mohammedans would not allow him to do so, as it was against him.

On my way back to Kaimunge, when walking with our native assistants, we had as usual on such occasions some conversation on the subject or mode of preaching. I told one of them that he preached Moses, and not Christ to the people, morality instead of Christianity. He took it very kindly, and thanked me, saying that he would try in future to preach the gospel and not the law.

It is quite surprising to see how the knowledge of the gospel has spread in this part of the country. There are, I believe, few towns or villages where the name of Jesus Christ is not known, and not only his name, but also something of what Christ did and suffered. This is shown sometimes by the better class in their inquiring mode about the way of salvation; and by the scorner and enemy to the truth in interrupting us, and saying scornfully, perhaps when we have scarcely commenced speaking to the crowd, "Was not Jesus Christ hung? Why was he hung?" Thus the messengers of the truth are still as in the days of the apostles, "to the one the savour of death unto death, and to the other the savour of life unto life."

In a village where, as in so many others, I found no one able to read, the chief man said, "If people are able to read and write, how can they plough and work in the field?" It is a general idea amongst the common people, particularly in villages, that education unsuits a man for manual labour, and makes him disobedient to his parents, and proud and haughty towards every

one. The latter is but too true here in this country, particularly in regard to those who have received only a secular education in government schools, and have had no religious instructions whatever. One of the chief objections which they bring forward against female education, is, that girls who have learned to read and write cannot cook, or clean the house, or attend well to domestic duties. Many men say that an educated woman will never be a good wife, which is certainly true, if to be a good wife consists, as the Hindoo thinks, in being the drudge of the husband.

A Scripture Reader's Report.

The Rev. R. H. Nassau, M. D., of Benita, Corisco Mission, sends the following paper. It was prepared for him by one of his native assistants, and translated by him for the press, March 1st, 1869.

I came to I——'s town, whereupon he called all the people of his town. They came many. It was a week day.

As I was coming from the South, I went up to the town where you were robbed of your chest. I slept there. Then that man who owns the town called many people, saying, "Hear the words of God." There came many. The day was of the week.

My Father Nassau! I tell you that I came to one town. I found one sick man sitting in the back-yard. I spoke with him the words of God; whereupon one woman said thus, "He has taken his soul!"

Now, Father Nassau, I talked with the sister of my father words on the Sabbath-day. She was sick. She spoke, saying, "Go out, lest you take from me my soul."

There was one man; I talked with him the words of God; whereupon he spoke, saying, "Were you a white missionary we would come to hear the word." I talked on the Sabbath-day.

When I went to the North the week was passed four days. Presently on the night of a week day one man came unto me who spoke to me, saying, "Inspect for me my body; I have great emaciation. Perhaps I shall die at this time; tell me." Then I spoke to him saying, "God gives us sickness in order that we shall know that we shall die, I know not the time I shall die. I am not a prophet."

Father Nassau! the people of A—— spoke, saying, "Had ye come to hear

the words which we do, *mekuku*, and *metaga*, and *myondi*, then would we come to hear the word which you speak of God. But now you go beyond us; ye come not to hear our words." It was on the third day of the week.

After five days I went to the Wallenzyi; I reached a town at sun-over-head, and then I spoke with the towns-men, saying, "Call to the people." And they came, and I spake with them. Then they spake, saying, "What can we do, not having these words?"

I was sitting on the night of Saturday, and I made prayers, and one man came. I held prayers, we two, he and I. I spoke with him, saying, "How do you look upon the words of God?" He spoke, saying, "We fear your way of speaking, for you say thus, 'ye commit adultery, if ye repent not ye shall die,' wherefore we fear to come to prayers, lest we die. But speak the way of speaking of a white missionary. The white missionary speaks thus, 'Be good; make no trouble; treat people kindly.' But ye make people angry, so we say that we will not come again to prayers." Then I spoke to him, saying, "Is that a reason you can give God, viz., that we say, 'Repent, ye will die?'" He said, "It is not the reason; we fear lest we may hear His words, still, if so, let us die."

On a week day at night an Evune man came there; he asked me a question thus, "At home when I was coming they said to me thus, 'If you see a person coming with a book held in his teeth, inquire nothing of him, because the dead pass thus along the beach.' Is it so?" Then I said to him, "It is not so, you have been here days, have you seen a dead person coming along the beach?" He said "No." I said to him thus, "We are not able to see God, we cannot see our own souls." I asked him thus, "Do you know God?" He said, "Yes, I know that the heart is God." I said to him that the heart is not able to create the earth and sky, and all that are therein. God is one who lives all times. And he had no other word.

Then I went to U——. On Saturday then I entered into one house, and a woman spoke in this manner, "I do not lie, I do not steal, I am very good. Except . . . I will be justified with God, for he has put an end to my children, and my people. I will be justified." But she was proved guilty for another reason, and had no more words to speak. Then I went to the town of I——, and one woman spoke thus, "I

will not go to hear, nor will I hear those kind of words. I am not pacified. My people who have died in numbers have not returned." Some of the women said to me, (it was during week time,) "We are first going to dig crabs." But while at U—a Molenzyi woman was there, and she spake thus, "I saw Mackey at Manji; he said that I should pray, perhaps God would give me a child. So I prayed, and I bore a child and it died. Then I said that God hates me, I will not again hear his word." Though they thus gave their excuses, I told them rightly. They had no other excuse.

Visits to Chinese Women.

"Another woman invited me to go to her house, which I was very glad to do. Taking an old female servant, I went with her. She walked in front, and I followed. We went through many crowded streets where I had never been before. I did not find it very easy to appear perfectly unconscious of the remarks made as I went along. No one followed me, but the streets are so narrow that it is impossible to escape notice. The people seem really pleased to see a foreigner in their own dress. On arriving at the woman's house, I was invited to sit down, and tea was brought. A number of women and children came, and I read and talked to them: the servant with me, who is an

enquirer, also spoke very nicely. I felt so much joy and peace in my own soul while speaking to these poor people, and so certain that God would bless his own word.

"Since beginning to write this, I have been called to see the same woman, and been again invited. I find making use of what I do know a great help in learning more. I want very much to have more work to do in teaching and visiting. Studying the language, I know, is of the greatest importance; but I want to learn it, if possible, in a more active way than sitting over books. I sometimes feel so overwhelmed with the immense need of more labourers, and of our utter powerlessness to reach even the half of those around us, that I dare not allow my mind to dwell too much upon it. . . .

"It is one thing to contemplate missionary work at home, and another to be in it. Suddenly deprived of accustomed means of grace, and thrown entirely into new circumstances, unexpected trials and temptations, still having to do battle with in-dwelling sin and our great adversary, we need to live in the very atmosphere of prayer, and under the very shadow of the Almighty. It is very easy to settle down and surround one's self with as many European comforts as possible, take things very quietly, and then call one's self a missionary!"—*Miss Bouyer: China Inland Mission.*

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN MAY, 1869.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Hamilton Union Sab-sch 5 60. *Pby of Londonderry*—Second ch, Newburyport 87. *Pby of Troy*—Park ch, Troy 10 05 \$102 65

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Natriona ch 3. *Pby of Allegheny City*—Highland ch 10 28; 1st Ger ch, Allegheny City 1 98. *Pby of Erie*—Park ch Sab-sch, Erie 50; Franklin ch, Miss Jennie F McBride, to con self *Life Member* 30 95 26

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Carlisle*—Shippensburg Sab-sch 64 03; Dauphin Co Alms House Sab-sch 3 40; Petersburg ch 9 15; Hagerstown ch 41 41; Big Spring ch 137 75. *Pby of Cattawha*—Logan ch 1; New Centre Sab-sch 1 25. *Pby of Concord*—Davidson River ch 2. *Pby of Potomac*—New York Ave ch, Washington 97 52 357 51

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Genesee River*—Tuscarora Sab-sch 7 50. *Pby of Rochester City*—Third ch, Rochester 250 257 50

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Chicago*—North ch, Chicago, add'l 7, Sab-sch 60 = 67; Fullerton Ave Sab-sch 50. *Pby of Schuyler*—Carthage Sab-sch, for Lodiana sch 11 75 128 75

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Hillsborough ch 112 46. *Pby of Cincinnati*—First ch, Walnut Hills, mo con 2 90. *Pby of Miami*—First ch, Springfield 118 81; Clifton ch Ladies' Ben't Soc'y 4, Sab-sch 5 = 9. *Pby of Sidney*—First ch Piqua 30 273 17

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Farm Ridge Sab-sch 3 50. *Pby of Palestine*—York ch 5 75. *Pby of Peoria*—Princeville Sab-sch 7. *Pby of Sangamon*—First ch, Decatur 44 45 60 70

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Indianapolis*—Union ch Sab-sch 9 50. *Pby of New Albany*—New Albany ch, Mrs Mary Ann Lapley 500. *Pby of Vincennes*—Washington ch, Helpinstone, Missy Soc'y 10 519 50

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Fulton ch 8; 1st Ger ch, Muscatine 5 50; Princeton and Mt Union chs 15; Princeton Sab-sch 5. *Pby of Dubuque*—First ch, Dubuque Sab-sch 7 50. *Pby of Vinton*—West Union ch 3; South Ridge ch 3 47 00

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Neosho*—Fort Scott ch 7 00

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Muhlenburg*—Hopkinsville Sab-sch 2 10. *Pby of Paducah*—Marion ch 34 23 36 35

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Lafayette*—Warrensburg ch 11 50. *Pby of St Louis*—Kirkwood Sab-sch 34 15; 2d ch, St Louis, for Ningpo Mission 205 85. *Pby of Upper Missouri*—Rev Win Reed 5 256 50

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—First ch, Camden 227 32. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—Westfield ch mo con 61; Roseville ch 10; Pluckemin ch 20; Elizabethport Sab-sch 5 75. *Pby of Luzerne*—Wilkesbarre ch 200; Shenandoah City ch 5; Summit Hill ch 20. *Pby of Monmouth*—Middletown Point Sab-sch 10; Spring Valley

Sab-sch 3 50; 1st ch. Red Bank 20, Sab-sch 20 = 40. *Pby of Newton*—Marksboro' ch 45; Stewarts-ville Sab-sch 20 91; Newton Sab-sch, to ed boy in China 37 50. *Pby of New Brunswick*—First ch New Brunswick 49 60; Bound Brook Sab-sch, to ed child in India 39; 2d ch. Princeton 226; 1st ch, Trenton, Mission Sab-sch for China 5 80. *Pby of Passaic*—First ch. Morristown Sab-sch 75, Infant Class 25 = 100; Wickliffe ch mo con 11 20; 3d ch Newark, mo con 18 52. *Pby of Raritan*—Clinton ch 10 74. *Pby of West Jersey*—Pittsgrove ch 50 1,267 84

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Rye ch mo con 12 60; Poundridge ch 55. Sab-sch 20 = 75. *Pby of Hudson*—Hopewell ch. A Friend of Missions 10; Centreville ch 16. *Pby of Long Island*—Sweet Hollow Sab-sch 7 20, Young People's Prayer Meeting 21 15. *Pby of Nassau*—First ch. Brooklyn mo con 51 18; Astoria ch mo con 25 62; Throop Ave ch 14 66; South Third St ch. Williamsburg mo con 35 93; Genevan ch. Brooklyn 30 31. *Pby of New York*—Brick ch mo con 72 25. Miss'y Meeting for Debt 835 44, Mission ch 8 38, A Poor Widow 5 = 921 07; First ch. New York mo con 100 48, Mrs A M McLanahan, for debt 200, R L K for debt 500 = 800 48; Fifth Ave and Nineteenth St ch 100; University Place ch mo con 28; Yorkville ch 2. *Pby of New York 2d*—Tenafly ch 78 28. *Pby of North River*—Calvary ch. Newburg 14 69; 1st ch, Newburg 156, Sab-sch 44 = 20 2,444 17

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Lake-South Bend ch* 30 00

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Columbus*—Blendon Sab-sch, for Bangkok ch 20. *Pby of Marion-Iberia Sab-sch* 2 25. *Poy of Richland*—Chesterville ch 3 95; Mt Pleasant Sab-sch 23 85; Ashland ch 24 89, Mrs L Miller 4. Sab-sch 25 = 53 89. *Pby of Wooster*—Shreve ch 5; West Salem ch, Miss S L Stoneroad 10; East Hopewell Sab-sch 2; Nashville Sab-sch 2 50. *Pby of Zanesville*—Beulah ch 4 50; Madison ch 60 189 94

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Wrightsville ch 14 06; Waynesburg ch 186. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Spruce Creek Sab-sch 11; Altoona Sab-sch 10; Hollidaysburg ch 72 01, Sab-sch 6 75. children of Jos Robinson 2 51 = 81 27; Sinking Creek ch 102 25; Spring Creek ch 102 75; Perryville ch 68 25; Milroy Sab-sch 5 68. *Pby of New Castle*—New London ch. Mrs M N C 40. *Pby of Northumberland*—Centralia Sab-sch, for Teacher in Rawal Pindi 29 80; Warrior Run ch 50; Lewisburg ch 156 65. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Tenth ch. mo coll 54 23; Union ch 43; South ch, Mrs Lawton 2; Bethany Memorial ch 26 56; Westminster Sab-sch 71 10; 9th ch 44. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Princeton ch 190 27; for Theological Student at Canton 60 = 250 27 1,348 87

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—Ebensburg ch 2; Livermore Sab-sch 5 55; Unity Sab-sch 19 35. *Pby of Clarion*—Academia ch 4 50; Rockland ch 5; Emlenton ch 5. *Pby of Ohio*—Shady Side ch 27 18; 1st ch Pittsburgh, Infant Sab-sch 42; Canonsburg ch 21 50; Lawrenceville ch 77 60. *Pby of Redstone*—New Providence ch 10; Tyrone ch 7 33. *Pby of Saltsburg*—Appleby Manor ch 6 52; Cherry Run ch 5 41; East Union ch 26 80 265 74

SYNOD OF ST PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—Hokah ch 2; Galesville ch 7 25. *Pby of St Paul*—St Cloud ch, special 7 75. *Pby of S Minnesota*—Rochester ch 10, Albert Lea 4 = 14; Eysota ch 1 32 00

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Fairfield*—Kirkeville Sab-sch 1 39

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Poland ch 115; New Lisbon Sab-sch 42. *Pby of Steubenville*—Richland Sab-sch 8 63; Island Creek ch 22 75. *Pby of St Clairsville*—Birmingham ch 10; Antrim ch 7; Woodfield ch 3; New Castle ch 8; Buchanan ch 4. *Pby of Washington*—Fourth ch. Wheeling 40; 2d ch. Wheeling Sab-sch 100; West Alexander ch, mo con 5, a member, to con R Milton Maxwell *Life Member* 25 = 30; Waynesburg ch 9 399 38

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Milwaukee*—West-

Granville ch 4. *Pby of Winnebago*—Kilbourn City Sab-sch Cent Society 1 5 00

Total receipts from churches, \$8,126 22

LEGACIES.—Estate of Mrs E J Patterson, dec'd, Allegheny, Pa 500; Interest on Bequest of John Gallagher, dec'd 30; Balance of Legacy of Ira C Whitehead, dec'd, Morristown, N J 21 30; Estate of Geo Corwine, dec'd, Ohio 1,550; Estate of Mrs Elizabeth Wilson, dec'd, McClellandtown, Pa 31 12; Patterson Estate 105 42 .2,237 84

SYNOD OF THE REPPRECH CHURCH.—Salaries to Dec, 1868 200; Scholarships 319 50; Dehra Girls' School 95 02 614 52

MISCELLANEOUS.—Arizona and Colorado Miss'y Ass'n, Mrs Williams, for Navajo Mission 50; Rev Geo Morris 500; Clark 6 40; John C Messenger, to con self *Life Member* 30; Albert M Shaw, seven years old 3; Geo Anderson, Freehold, N J eight years old 1; B 30: Little Robert 40 ets; A Lady in Fayetteville, N C 5; S. Jefferson Co, Ky 100; Pulaski 2; E P K, Plainfield 1; C Bell, Blairsville, Pa, to con Miss McCarron at Bogota 500. Coupon and Prem 4 20; At Gen'l Assembly 5; A Friend 75; J L Glenn, Plainfield, Ohio 20; Dr A Guy, Oxford, Ohio 34; Miss Rachel Gould, Norfolk, Va 10; Dr. John S Crane, to con Julia A Crane *Life Member* 35; Gen'l G Loomis 5; A Friend 10; Cash 60 ets; Sundries, by Dr Hopper, in Baltimore 3 50; Mrs E E Townsend, Painted Post, N Y 5; Itinerant 2; E R, Phila 10; A Friend, Seven Mile, Ohio 5; Rev D L Dickey, Cross Cut, Pa 5; John Anderson, Anderson's Mills, Pa 5; "W." Dunningville, Pa 10; C W McGonnigal, Ulrichsville, Ohio 25; Mrs Jas McCready, Hookstown, Pa 4; Children of Mr Tschudy, Dubuque, Iowa, for Naples ch 3 25 1,505 35

Total Receipts in May, 1869, \$12,483 93

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BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

PUBLISHING HOUSE, 821 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

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Subscriptions to *The Record*, and the *Sabbath-School Visitor*, and payments for the same, to be addressed to Mr. PETER WALKER.

Action of the late General Assembly on the Board of Publication.

The General Assembly at its sessions in the Brick Church in the city of New York, appointed the following Standing Committee on the Report of the Board of Publication, viz.:

Ministers—L. H. Atwater, D.D., J. B. Dunn, Ezra W. Fisk, D.D., M. A. Parkinson, and G. S. Plumley.

Ruling Elders—John B. Skinner, Wm. G. Reed, Horatio P. Van Cleve.

On Monday, May 24th, this Committee presented its Report. The Rev. William E. Schenck, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Publication, by invitation addressed the Assembly. The Report of the Committee, after discussion, was then adopted. We here insert the Resolutions reported by the Committee :

Resolved, 1. That the Assembly is happy to learn that the operations of the Board of Publication during the past year have been conducted with wisdom, efficiency, and encouraging success.

Resolved, 2. That it exhorts our Church Sessions and Sabbath-school Superintendents to promote the increasing circulation of the *Record* and of the *Sabbath-School Visitor*, particularly in those churches which do not now take these periodicals.

Resolved, 3. That it desires the Board to enlarge its work of Colportage in the openings for it that are multiplying on every hand, and to this end exhorts all our churches to contribute to the Fund for this purpose.

Resolved, 4. That it deems it of great importance that means be furnished to the Board for supplying needy ministers with its publications for their own use and for distribution among those unable to buy them.

Resolved, 5. That in view of the great good arising from the gratuitous circulation of the tracts of the Board, the Assembly earnestly commends to the attention of churches and individuals the importance of special donations for this purpose.

Resolved, 6. That the Board of Publication be instructed to enter immediately and vigorously on the work of preparing and publishing evangelical books and tracts in the Spanish and Portuguese languages, and to aid, as far as possible, in the circulation and distribution of a pure gospel literature in the countries where these languages are spoken.

Resolved, 7. That your Committee has examined the Minutes of the Board, and those of its Executive Committee. It finds them correct, and recommends their approval.

The following additional resolution was offered by the Rev. C. W. Stewart, and, after considerable discussion, was adopted.

Resolved, 8. That the Board of Publication is hereby directed to make a discount on its Sabbath-school books to all Sabbath-schools purchasing the same; also on books sold for congregational libraries.

Colportage in Nebraska and Iowa.

A faithful and efficient colporteur in western Iowa and eastern Nebraska, while transmitting a very encouraging report, gives the following account of his work:

"From Glenwood I went to Omaha, and have since canvassed the following towns in Nebraska: Bellevue, Florence, Fort Calhoun, De Soto, Blair, Fremont, Fontenelle, Cumings City, Tekama, and Decatur. In all these places the desire for reading exceeds the ability to purchase. With the exception of Fort Calhoun and Fremont my work in Nebraska has been attended with but moderate success. The poverty of the county induced a necessity for unusually large donations, which, with the tracts distributed, have, I trust, done good.

"Nebraska is certainly a field greatly needing spiritual cultivation. A general indifference in regard to spiritual things prevails, and an alarming amount of Scepticism, Mormonism, Spiritualism, and general Infidelity abounds. Such remarks as that 'Religion has never crossed the Missouri River' are frequently heard. The people complain of deceivers, and it seems hard for them to realize that a stranger can be among them labouring for their good. I speak now in general terms, for I have found many as intelligent, cultivated, and pious people in Nebraska as can be found anywhere.

"I am sorry that, though much blessed truth has been disseminated, the work has necessarily been somewhat expensive. I could not well avoid quite liberal donations. If I had more physical ability—*i.e. longer legs*—I might, perhaps, get over more ground and make more visits each day among a scattered population. But I strive always to have the interests of the work deeply at heart, and will try to do better in the future.

"D. H. M."

A Western Pastor's Testimony.

We take the following lines from a letter written by an honoured and useful pastor in the State of Iowa. Coming from a minister of large experience and intelligence, this testimony is valuable. It will help, we trust, to impress upon our ministers and churches a sense of the great value of the books and tracts issued by the Board, and of the importance of keeping the Colportage and Distribution Fund of the Board well sup-

plied with the means of diffusing these publications far and wide over the land:

"The package of catechisms has been received, and will be distributed as rapidly and judiciously as possible.

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"Yours truly in the gospel,

J. O."

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A Cry from the Needy.

A brother from Kansas writes thus: "About one year ago our church was organized. For months our church services were conducted in a log cabin. During the winter we have been and are still using a small school-room. We need a larger house, a church edifice of our own, but we are poor and unable of ourselves to build one costing only one thousand dollars. But little money can be raised among our members at present. We therefore look to the Board of Church Extension for aid. Can you help us? Our hearts, troubled with discouragements incident to the settlement of a new country, and particularly to the growth of the church, would be greatly cheered at the sight of even a plain and inexpensive house of worship which we might call *our own*. We have a rich country filling up fast, but without churches. Our cause would be greatly strengthened, it is confidently believed, if we had a house of worship. If we can by any possibility raise among ourselves three or four hundred dollars, what in addition can the Board give us? I ask this question now, that we may have some sure basis to work upon, and to encourage us at the commencement of our formidable undertaking."

Another brother in Minnesota writes: "I have deferred filling up the list of questions until I could try again to raise something additional here. The need of a church building here is a very pressing one. We have no church edifice nearer than fifty miles. We worship in a little school-house sixteen by twenty feet, and we can only have the use of this when the Methodists do not occupy it, as they claim the control. But we are determined to have a church of our own, and will not give up, though we have to crawl along by inches; but our cause will suffer greatly if we are not able to build this summer. We have exerted ourselves to the very uttermost to raise the little sum we have secured."

Another minister in the same State says, "We cannot hold our own as a church without a house of worship. Other denominations have theirs, and are going ahead. There is room for all, with good congregations, but we can make no progress without a sanctuary. I have done much work upon the building myself, and am still working, so as to make it cost as little as possible. We should have built three or four years ago, but hoped to be more able; but in fact we are not any more able now than then. My salary is very small, but with a church building into which to gather the people, I could soon have a self-sustaining and contributing church."

Will not the churches enable the Board to respond promptly to such calls as these, which are daily multiplying upon our hands? Give us your answer in a liberal contribution.

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<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Warrior Run ch	20 00	<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —First Ger ch Muscatine	2 00
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The following amounts have been received since the last report, *viz.:*

<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Lansingburg ch	\$30 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Plain Grove ch 10; Bull Creek ch 6 50; Tarentum ch, add'l 1 50	18 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Allegheny Ger ch	1 98
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Newport ch	9 00
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Baltimore South ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Middle Spring ch 24 75; Hagerstown ch 31 79	56 54
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —New York Ave ch, Washington	4 06
<i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Macomb ch	13 00
<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Friendsville ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Madison</i> —Madison ch	35 00
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Muscatine Ger ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Ebenezer</i> —Flemingsburg ch	15 00
<i>Pby of Burlington</i> —Camden 1st ch	76 64
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Baskinridge ch 37; Roseville ch 5	42 00
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Wilkesbarre ch	133 00
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Jamesburg ch	12 90
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Poundridge ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —A Friend of Missions in Hopewell ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Jamaica ch	32 15
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Brick ch, add'l 20; New York 1st ch 2,294 35	2,314 35
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Pisgah ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Beulah ch 2; Madison ch 20	22 00
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Mrs M N C of New London Congregation	20 00
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Milton ch	13 00
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Harmony ch	5 60
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Academia ch 5; Rockland ch 6; Emmonston ch 7	18 00

<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Shady Side ch 40; Bethany ch 25; Valley ch 8 80	73 80
<i>Pby of S Minnesota</i> —Rochester ch	14 00
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Yellow Creek ch 10 50; East Liverpool ch 11	21 50
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Beech Spring ch 12; Centre ch 3	15 00
<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —New Castle ch 4; Woodsfield ch 1; Buchanan ch 1	6 00
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Washington 1st ch 37 50; Wheeling 4th ch 7 91; Waynesburg ch 8	53 41
<i>Pby of Winnebago</i> —Neenah ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Neosho</i> —Fort Scott ch	3 50
<i>Pby of Santa Fe</i> —Santa Fe ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Shantung</i> —Chefoo ch	11 96

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GEO. H. VAN GELDER,
Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly,
Office, No. 320 Walnut Street.
Philadelphia, June 5th, 1869.

In remitting money to this Fund, the name of the Church and Presbytery to which it belongs should be distinctly stated, that it may be correctly acknowledged. And where checks or drafts are sent they should be drawn to the order of "GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer."

"The Rev. Joseph H. Jones, D.D., the late venerable secretary of the Committee on the Fund for Disabled Ministers, departed this life at his residence in Philadelphia, on the morning of Tuesday, the 22d of December, 1868, after a brief illness of a few hours. Having dismissed his physician and attendants, he, like Livingston and Chalmers, passed away in a gentle sleep, with no one watching over his couch but Him who holds the 'keys of death,' and ministering angels.

"For fourteen and a half years since he first met the Committee, Dr. Jones has been engaged in this work; and after the resignation of his pastoral charge, he gave to it his whole time and energies. The progress which this cause has made within the last seven years, proves the wisdom of the Trustees in securing the entire services of one whom long experience as a pastor, acquaintance with the operations of the Boards of the Church, and tender sympathy for the poor and distressed, eminently qualified to occupy this post. It will be regarded as no disparagement to the valuable services rendered by ministers and laymen, who have written, spoken, and laboured in behalf of the Fund for Disabled Ministers, to say that the success which has attended this scheme of benevolence is due as much to the untiring devotion and assiduity of Dr. Jones, as to any other agency. His name will be permanently associated with it, and for this, as well as his zealous labours in other spheres of duty, he has, we doubt not, received the high commendation: 'Well done! good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.' —Report.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

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Giving, a Solemn Act of Worship.

The doctrine of our Church, as set forth in the forms of worship, and expressed by many acts of the General Assembly, is that giving is a part of the public worship of God. "A collection for the poor, or for other pious purposes," is recognized as constituting a part of the sanctuary services, in which prayer, praise, with the reading and preaching of the word, honour God and edify the church. Perhaps many of the churches have lost the great benefit of this act of oblation by the modes in which their collections are made in the congregation. We were never so fully impressed with the conviction that giving to the Lord's work is a solemn act of worship, as when, a few months since, we witnessed this service in a Freedman's church in Georgia. The Sabbath spent in this congregation is one of precious remembrance. As we entered the pulpit, the first thing which attracted attention was the schedule of collections, not simply for every "first day of the week," but for each of the three services of every Sabbath. The paper was pasted on the side of the pulpit facing the elders' corner. Here is a copy, "Worship ten and a half o'clock in the morning, collection for support of the pastor. Worship, three o'clock in the afternoon, collection one Sabbath for the poor and afflicted, the next for the support and education of orphans. Worship, seven o'clock in the evening, collection for the church building; once a month the missionary collection." Evidently there was here no fear of injuring the church by the frequency of calls to give for pious purposes.

But we were especially struck with the solemn manner in which the contributions were made. After the sermon and the prayer following it, the venerable coloured pastor arose and stated in a few words the necessities which demanded a generous collection, "The Lord's call to give," as he called it. Then the scriptural rule, "According as God has prospered you," with a few solemn words in which *all* were exhorted to do *their* part, and no more than *their* part, because the Lord did not call for all they had, he announced the hymn, "Alas! and did my Saviour bleed." As he read the hymn, the elders arose and with solemn step moved the table used on communion occasions out in front of the pulpit, and one of them, the clerk of session sat beside it with a book and pen to write the names of those who would give during the week but had not the money with them. Then the singing began, the pastor reading two lines at a time, and such singing we have heard only among these poor of Christ's flock. As they sang with the heart, their singing touched the heart. The people arose one after another and came forward, as of old our people came to the communion table, and each spread out his offering that all might see it, and laid it on the table. One came with two dollars, and another laid ten cents beside it. All sang as they brought their offerings to the table, and on the return to their places. One old man arose and walked across the house to his wife, took her by the hand as if she were a child, gave her a bill and held one himself, and they walked up together, and laid their gifts upon the altar. As the hymn was ended, the chorister and the pastor placed their gifts on the table, and the clerk of session arose and announced the collection, *seventy-eight dollars*; then, with a short prayer,

the congregation was dismissed. More than three thousand dollars have been laid on that table during the last year, and perhaps half that amount would purchase the whole property of the members of the congregation. As we walked away from that humble house of God, with the last stanza of the dear old hymn still sweeping in solemn cadence all about us, we realized, as never before, that "Giving to the Lord is a solemn act of worship." What a day of blessing to our churches all over the world it would be, if the collections were thus made a part of the public worship of the Sabbath. Yes, a part of *every service*. Let the hymn of consecration bear this external seal of truth in every congregation, and there will not only be no lack in the Lord's treasury, but a new experience of blessing in every true worshipper's soul. If our churches would know the real blessing of giving, let them make their collections a solemn act of worship.

How the Freedmen respond.

In our March No. we gave a few extracts from responses of the poor, to the call to prayer and giving. They come to us as breezes that pass over fields that God has blessed. Will not our churches everywhere rejoice in the blessing that God has given to the lowly, and our people open their hearts in sympathy, and put forth their hands to help those members of the one great family. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my disciples, ye did it unto me."

We give one more extract written by a faithful teacher (supported by the Friends of Philadelphia), in behalf of a church which the missionary can visit only once a month, viz: "Enclosed you will find three dollars, contributed yesterday by the coloured Presbyterian church in this place, for the support of our work among the Freedmen. They send it to you as a thank-offering to the Lord for the good work he has accomplished in this place through the instrumentality of Rev. J. A. Chresfield. They are looking forward hopefully to the time when they will have Rev. T—— and preaching all the time. They need four dozen Shorter Catechisms and one dozen Presbyterian hymn books, old ones will do. Our day and Sabbath-schools prosper; we have eighty-three in the day, and one hundred and twenty in the Sabbath-school; our school-house is very much crowded. The church needs a house of worship very much. The people will do all they can in building it."

DONATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN IN MAY, 1869.

<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Buffalo ch 8 50; Westminster ch 5 50	\$14 00	<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —New York Ave ch Washington 2 94
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Ger ch Allegheny 1 98		<i>Pby of S Minnesota</i> —Rochester ch 10; Eyota ch 1 11 00
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Mt Pleasant ch 13 85		<i>Pby of Shantung</i> —Cheefoo, China 11 95
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Academia ch 7; Emlenton ch 6	13 00	<i>Pby of Troy</i> —First ch Lansingburg 30 00
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Sheldon ch 2 00		<i>Pby of Washington</i> —West Alexander ch 46 89; 4th ch Wheeling 3 49 80
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Poundridge ch 10 00		<i>Pby of West Virginia</i> —French Creek ch 5 19
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Sherrills Mount ch 10 00		<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Beulah ch 4 50
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Roseville ch 5; 1st ch Elizabeth 71 76	76 76	Total amount rec'd from Churches \$735 38
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —First ch Altoona 29 00		MISCELLANEOUS.
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Portageville ch 5 00		"E R." Philadelphia 5; Friends in Illinois 100;
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Wilkesbarre ch 151; Summit Hill 92 cts, Sab-sch 6 97. P 7 — 15	166 00	"J H N" 5; Mrs Mary Biddle, Philadelphia 150; Miss Caroline Miller and Miss Ricker, Sugar Grove, Pa 2 each 4; Miss Mary Young dec'd, Sharpsburg, Pa 100; Robt Bell, Alexandria, Va 4; Benj Brown, Esq 15; "A Seeker," Philadelphia 1 334 00
<i>Pby of Milwaukee</i> —Beloit ch, special 60 00		
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Oxford ch 40 00		
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —First ch Cranberry 45 00		
<i>Pby of Neosho</i> —Fort Scott ch 3 50		
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Mrs M N C, New London ch 30 00		
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Sab-sch Shady Side ch 100 00		Total receipts in May, \$1,119 38
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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Notice--Legacies.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Domestic Missions, the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted :—

“Whereas, The expenditure of large legacies in any one year, occasions an undue expansion of the operations of the Board, and is usually followed by a corresponding contraction the year following, which is detrimental both to the Board and the missionaries; therefore,

“Resolved, That it be respectfully recommended to those who intend to make bequests to the Board amounting to five thousand dollars and upwards, to give direction in their wills, that the amount bequeathed shall be invested *permanently* in some safe securities, and that the interest only shall be used by the Board.”

Extracts from Annual Report.

In compliance with its duty, the Board of Domestic Missions respectfully presents to the General Assembly, this its Sixty-seventh Annual Report. The past year was one of adversity and prosperity—of contraction and expansion—but with the blessing of God, it has been closed under circumstances which call for special thanksgiving and praise.

Under the administration of the Corresponding Secretary *pro tem.*, the first measures adopted were to borrow a sufficient sum to pay the missionaries who had reported, and who had been kept waiting for the amounts due them, for a considerable time; and to publish earnest appeals to the churches to replenish the treasury. The former measure gave immediate relief to the missionaries, and the latter were in due time responded to liberally by the churches. Meanwhile, in order certainly to restore the Board to a solvent condition, it continued the reduction of salaries twenty-five per cent., which had been commenced when the treasury was found to be exhausted in July.

The measures adopted, with the blessing of God, proved successful. In less than four months the Board was extricated from its pecuniary difficulties; the missionaries fully paid as far as reported; all the borrowed money returned; the salaries of the missionaries restored to what they were prior to their reduction; and the Board enabled safely to extend its operations.

OPERATIONS OF THE YEAR.

Of Missions—Statistical Details.

The whole number of missionaries in commission last year was 546. They were located in the following States and Territories, viz :

1 in Arizona,	40 in Missouri,
10 in California,	6 in Nebraska,
1 in Colorado,	17 in New Jersey,
2 in District of Columbia,	1 in New Mexico,
1 in Florida,	28 in New York,
78 in Illinois,	8 in North Carolina,
35 in Indiana,	45 in Ohio,
64 in Iowa,	5 in Oregon,
19 in Kansas,	66 in Pennsylvania,
13 in Kentucky,	3 in South Carolina,
2 in Louisiana,	7 in Tennessee,
9 in Maryland,	2 in Virginia,
1 in Massachusetts,	1 in Washington Territory,
5 in Michigan,	13 in West Virginia,
31 in Minnesota,	31 in Wisconsin.
1 in Mississippi,	

The number of churches and missionary stations wholly or in part supplied, (as far as reported,) by our missionaries, is 824.

The number of newly organized churches is 60.

The number of admissions on examination is 2,792, and on certificate, 1,930 making a total admission of 4,722.

The number in communion with churches connected with the Board is 26,078.

The number of Sabbath-schools is 450; of teachers 3,866; and of scholars 30,245.

The number of baptisms is 2,683.

Of the 546 missionaries who have been in commission during the year, 139 have sent in no special report for the Assembly, more than one-fourth of the whole number; consequently we must increase all the returns one-fourth to make them correct.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The appropriations made to our missionaries, from March 1, 1868, to March 1, 1869, were \$113,749.00.

As the missionary appointments are made, with very few exceptions, for twelve months, and are scattered over the whole year, of course a large number of the appropriations made during the year have not yet fully matured, but will be falling due as the present year advances.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

The total amount of receipts from all sources, from March 1, 1868, to March 1, 1869, was \$157,222.23, to which add balance on hand March 1, 1868, \$19,443.99; making the available resources of the Board during the year \$176,666.22.

The payments during the year were \$115,818.09; leaving a balance in the Treasury on March 1, 1869, of \$60,848.13. The amount due the missionaries at the same date was \$12,500.00, leaving an unexpended balance of \$48,348.13.

This balance is comparatively large, and without explanation may readily mislead the Presbyteries and the patrons of the Board. Indeed we have reason to

fear that, notwithstanding our repeated explanations of this matter, some of our friends may receive a wrong impression, and may withhold or diminish their contributions on the supposition that the Board cannot be in need of pecuniary assistance, because the balance reported is so large. We will therefore again state, what we have repeatedly stated in our previous reports, that the amount on hand at the period of the year when our balance is reported is always larger than at any other time. From the month of March, the receipts begin to fall off, and during the latter part of the spring, the entire summer and the early part of the fall, the receipts are comparatively small; so that unless our balance at the commencement of the fiscal year is large, it would be impracticable to carry on the operations of the Board during the year. For example: although the balance on hand on March 1, 1868, was more than \$19,000.00, by the 15th of July ensuing, the Treasury was entirely exhausted; and before the treasury was replenished by the annual contributions of the churches in the fall, the indebtedness of the Board beyond its ability to pay, amounted to more than \$15,000.00. Moreover, a very large portion of the reported balance was received during the last two or three months of the fiscal year; and although there was not sufficient time to expend a great deal of it, yet large liabilities have been created on account of its possession, which, as they mature, will rapidly diminish it. Indeed, as many more new appointments must be made, it is highly probable that the Treasury will be nearly if not quite exhausted before the first of next November.

CLOTHING.

One hundred and thirty-seven boxes, barrels, and packages containing clothing valued at \$24,123.85, were received and distributed among the missionaries during the year; and nineteen boxes, barrels and packages of which no valuation was reported—the value of the whole being probably \$27,500.00.

The Ladies who have furnished these valuable missionary boxes, deserve, and they will please accept, the warmest thanks of the Board. They have cost them in their preparation, much time, labour, and expense. Doubtless He who hath said, "Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple, verily, I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward;" and who has declared that in the day of judgment He will say to the righteous, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me," will graciously recompense them for their work and labour of love. It may afford them a present partial reward to know that the clothing furnished by them has prevented much suffering, and encouraged and stimulated many of God's servants amid their self-denials and toils. From the reports of the missionaries received at the office, we know that the gifts of the ladies are highly appreciated by them, and that they are often at a loss for language to express their gratitude. We presume that the missionaries, on the receipt of the clothing sent them, make their grateful acknowledgments to those to whom they are so greatly indebted.

We trust that the Ladies will persevere in this good work. The salaries of the missionaries are generally inadequate, and many of their families would actually suffer for want of comfortable clothing unless thus supplied. Indeed we would be glad if all the churches which are able would engage in this charitable work. Not only would more of the missionaries be supplied, but the correspondence connected with it would make the churches better acquainted with the trials and labours of the missionaries, and so create a deeper interest in the missionary work.

We feel it to be our duty to request all who engage in the work, to operate

through the Board. If the churches act independently, select the missionaries, and forward boxes to them without the knowledge of the Board, the consequence may be that several churches may select the same person, and thus some missionaries may receive two or three boxes, while others, equally deserving and needy, may not receive any. Indeed we know that this has been actually the case in many instances—yea, it has come to our knowledge that one missionary during the year received no fewer than five boxes valued at \$553.73, and yet was in correspondence with other churches to obtain more! Nor should the churches allow themselves to be unduly influenced in the selection and supply of their beneficiaries, by any self-appointed corresponding solicitor who may seek to monopolize their benefactions in behalf of the missionaries within the bounds of a particular Synod or State, greatly to the injury of missionaries in other parts of the field, who are equally deserving and perhaps even more necessitous. By acting through the Board, whose duty and privilege it is to endeavour impartially to supply the wants of all the missionaries, the above mentioned evils would be avoided.

We will repeat what has been often heretofore published, that the value of clothing sent to our missionaries is never deducted from the salary of those who receive it, but is regarded simply as a special donation to them from the friends of the cause. We will add, that such donations of clothing ought never to be allowed to interfere with or diminish the contributions to the Board, as such an effect would be highly prejudicial to the Board, and injurious to the missionaries themselves.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN JUNE, 1869.

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Annapolis ch 25; Asquith St ch, Baltimore 5 80.
Pby of Lewes—Lewes ch 7 37 80
SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Buffalo City*—Towanda ch 5. *Pby of Ogdensburg*—Rossie ch 6 53 11 53

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Belfast ch 4 15. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Glendale 1st ch, add'l 21; A friend, Seven Mile, Ohio 5. *Pby of Miami*—Clifton ch. Young Ladies' Benevolent Society 4, Sab-sch 5 = 9 39 15
SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Saline*—Timberlevel ch 3. *Pby of Sangamon*—West Okaw ch 10 13 00

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Dubuque*—Dubuque 1st ch Sab-sch 7 50

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Neosho*—Mapleton ch 12; Carlyle ch 5 17 00

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Southwest Missouri*—Mission Field of Rev John McFarland 2 00

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Elizabethtown*—Rev Wm Scribner 5. *Pby of Monmouth*—Jamesburg ch 9 83; Shrewsbury ch Sab-sch 10 73. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Pennington ch Sab-sch 10. *Pby of Newton*—Belvidere ch Sab-sch 25. *Pby of Passaic*—Paterson Ger ch 10 70 56

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—White Plains ch 20 85. *Pby of Hudson*—Monroe ch 10. *Pby of New York*—Scotch ch, Jersey City 40; Chelsea ch Sab-sch 17. *Pby of New York 2d*—West Farms ch 23 40. *Pby of North River*—Bethlehem ch 72 57 183 82

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Logansport*—Rensselaer ch 2 35

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Wooster*—Mt Hope ch, proceeds for sale of ch property 88 85; Congress ch, from Mrs T Ferguson 5 93 85

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Oregon*—Eugene ch 8 00

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Lancaster ch Sab-sch 40 50. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Altoona ch 74 54; Clearfield ch 16; Perrysville ch 82 25. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Bridesburg ch 18 75; Holmesburg ch 19 02 251 06

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—Salem ch 29; Livermore ch 28 50. *Pby of Ohio*—

East Liberty 1st ch, Riverside Mission sch 13 50. *Pby of Saltsburg*—Indiana ch 230; Mechanicsburg ch 5 53 306 53

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—Neillsville congregation 10. *Pby of S Minnesota*—Eyota ch 3 95; Rev A S Kemper 2 15 95

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—Knoxville ch 9 85

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Rehoboth ch 11 75. *Pby of Washington*—Lower Ten Mile ch 15; Washington 1st ch, mon coll 16 50 43 25

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Madison ch 18 80

Total received from churches, \$1,122 00

LEGACY.—Legacy of Mrs Susan Thorne, dec'd, late of Carlisle, Pa 1,175, and for Missionary labour among the Jews in the United States 2,000 = 3,175, less expenses 127 3,048 00

MISCELLANEOUS.—G W F, Ill 10; E P R, Kansas 12 50; M T 10; C M H 47; Rents of Mission House, less taxes, &c 473 55; Mr G H Thompson, Newburgh, NY 11; Miss Mary Vance, Washington, D C 5; A Friend, South Salem, NY 5 574 05

Total Receipts in June, 1869, \$4,754 05

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTEOUS, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

Production the Great End of Knowledge.

This is the idea which an able French medical professor (Trousseau), in a recent work, presses strongly upon the attention of the younger members of his profession. He describes the great advantages in the pursuit of scientific knowledge which they enjoy, compared with those who have gone before them. He warns them of the danger of being contented with the enjoyment of these advantages, and of inactivity and unfruitfulness from that very cause. He says it is “the tendency of multiplied instruments and means of observation to cripple mental development and exercise.” “The numerous means of investigation which we now possess, by multiplying our primary conceptions, or at least by rendering them more exact, do not put the mind in such conditions that its practical manifestations are more numerous, more effective, or more certain. Is it not true that the intellect becomes more indolent in proportion as scientific notions increase in number; content to receive and to enjoy, careless to elaborate and to produce? The formulæ of science aid practical art less than one would believe.” He compares the present men of science and artists with those departed. He asks why this age produces so few great lights in the intellectual world? “It is certainly not because nature has been more niggardly in her gifts. Every generation brings forth like intellects.” He gives the reason. “Our predecessors, less rich than we are in that knowledge which we should so much utilize, *laboured without cessation in the work of production*. Poor, they put under contribution the slenderest acquirements which chance or experience gave them. They exercised incessantly the powers of their mind, as the athletes exercise their muscles. And there resulted a power which sometimes betrayed itself by singular errors, but often also by views full of grandeur and fecundity. Efforts were multiplied by reason of poverty of means, and the results were immense.”

How important to the theologian are these thoughts of the physician and the medical professor. How much is the Church concerned in what is uttered in the interest of science. A new impulse to labours in “the work of production” is one of the great necessities of this day. Through the want of it, religion bears but a small portion of its proper fruits. The waste places of the land remain uncultivated. The terrible desolations of the heathen world show but here and there a spot of green. The whole Church feels the effect of the want—every Board; every congregation; nay, every member. To engage in “the work of production” is one of our first great duties. Each professor of faith in the atonement of the blood of Jesus Christ should begin to “add to his faith works;” to make that atonement efficacious by the publication of it “to every creature.” The translation and multiplication of the Word of God and Christian books, the education of candidates for the ministry, the increase of the means and moral elevation of the tone of general education, the sending forth of ministers to the destitute parts of the country and the heathen world, and other efforts which tend to *radiate* the light of the gospel, are the means by which he is to accomplish this.

The Church has much, even of the most elementary nature, to do in this work. A most pressing duty is that of the effective organization of the scripture system of giving money; so that every presbytery, congregation, and church member shall know from the pulpit, and through the press, the wants of the various departments of holy enterprise, and have the opportunity to contribute his weekly offerings, as the Lord has prospered, to their advancement.

Another duty which should receive the consideration of those who desire to see the Church move upon a higher plane of efficiency, is embodied in a resolution of the last General Assembly:—"That the unprecedented developments of Divine Providence in this age, and the necessity of instructing and training those who are to be labourers in the coming harvest, seem to indicate to our theological schools the importance of devoting in each a separate chair to Evangelistic Theology, the design of which shall be the instruction of students for the ministry in those special portions of the Scriptures which relate to the aggressions of the Church in this latter day upon the great systems of sin in the world; upon the duties of pastors, and other officers of the Church as related to those subjects; upon the organization and operations of the various departments of the Church's work; and upon the fields of usefulness and nature of the employments to which they may be called in the publication of the gospel and the communication of its blessings to the human race."

How wonderful a reformation would be wrought in the Church, nay, in all society, were this idea to thoroughly inspire the hearts of ministers and people, pious men and women, the rich and the poor, the young and the old, the teacher and the scholar—that the Great End of Knowledge is Production. Jesus Christ says: "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples."

A Fountain Society.

A truly beautiful idea has entered the mind of some kind gentlemen in one of our chief cities. It is to open fountains at the corners of the principal streets, in the places of most resort in the city, and by the roadsides in the suburbs; to make pure water everywhere free, and easy of access to man and beast. These fountains are not, as in the gardens of the rich, mere ornaments, whence sparkling jets are shot forth in numerous shapes which amuse, but which quench no man's thirst. But they are a simple square piece of rock from whose side pours forth a steady crystal stream, where the labouring man, weary and hot, stops to drink and be revived; and whose cup is not beyond the reach of the child. The top is hollowed into a bowl, always full; and it is pleasant to see brutes also run to it and satisfy themselves, and look their mute thanks. Upon the side is cut in plain deep letters the name of some generous person who has given the money to erect it, who will thus be gratefully remembered by thousands to whom he gives the "cup of cold water;" to this is often added a happy text of Scripture.

But it is a far more beautiful idea to educate a pious student for the ministry of the gospel; and to send him to some spot where men are thirsting and dying for the want of the knowledge of salvation, and to set flowing there through his agency the streams of that living water which satisfies the soul, which revives all the influences of society within its reach, and which springs up into life everlasting. Many sweet images are suggested by those fountains, which we need not here expand. But we have a question to ask. This Board is such a Fountain Society. Will the reader help it to erect *one* fountain?

Presbyterian Education in Oregon.

The noble State of Oregon was the first on the Pacific shore to be settled by Americans. One-third of its large surface, which is equal altogether to that of the States of Pennsylvania and Virginia, is fertile and finely adapted to the raising of the more valuable species of grain and fruit. The climate is extremely regular and healthful. The intelligent population, of over seventy thousand in number, are rapidly developing the resources of the State. In education they are moving forward with healthful progress. Two universities have been established, neither of them in connection with our own body. The Roman Catholic Missionaries, who at first laboured for the conversion of the Indian tribes, are very active in this direction. The following letter will be read with gratification by the friends of Presbyterian education. If the primary effort be to furnish thorough and advanced education, and to secure the confidence and patronage of the people, and the work and wants of the proposed institution be kept before them, sympathy and aid will flow in. The Presbyterians of that coast can, and will, rear an institution that will shed its beneficent light there, and over empires whose eyes God in his providence is pointing thither in search of earthly and heavenly knowledge.

The letter is as follows:

Our church there is passing through a crisis just now. Some were there before us in occupying the field, but they have lost the confidence of the reflecting part of the community; some are loose in their doctrinal views, and hence are not increasing. Thoughtful people *nominally* connected with those denominations are looking to our Church more than to any other for sound scriptural preaching and thorough educational institutions. It was this feeling that enabled us, though feeble, to erect the best building in the State for educational purposes. This institution, "*The Albany Collegiate Institute*," is under the control and supervision of the Presbytery of Oregon, and is located on the east bank of the Willamette and central in the State. During the first year it more than met the expectations of its friends. Owing to circumstances, unnecessary to refer to here, it was committed to new teachers at the beginning of the current year, and though well patronised is not accomplishing all it might. Well qualified instructors are few on the Pacific coast, especially in Oregon.

This institution can be made a powerful agent in giving position and influence to our Church, but it can be such only as it is in the hands of men qualified for the work. We need there two men, one to take the presidency of the Institute and teach, the other to aid in teaching and also to preach. The two between them could supply Albany and Corvallis, ten miles futher up the river. The Institute has no endowment. The tuition fees are the only source of income.

Temporary aid should be afforded to this institution. It has asked for it from this Board. Who will send us the means to render it? At present the treasury of this department of the Board will not allow grants beyond those already promised.

Kind Tribute to the Board of Education from a Foreign Missionary.

A foreign missionary in a distant land returns his thanks to the Board of Education for the important service it had been the instrument of rendering to him in preparing to preach the gospel to the Gentiles. Instances like this of the Divine blessing upon the work of the Board, so needful to lay the foundation for what the Church is doing through other Boards, should stir up brethren to afford to it the aid which it needs. Has the congregation of the reader sent it a contribution this year?

I have had good success in learning the language of this people. I began to preach in one year and a half after arriving. The most of my time has been spent in the study of the language. I have not yet seen much fruit; but have great encouragement to persevere. The Lord has been gracious to us thus far. He has heard and answered our prayers, and why should we not continue to trust in him? This field is full of encouragement. The people are anxious to receive books, to listen to preaching, and the Spirit can open their minds to receive the truth.

Books for the Library.

Among the first men in good influence in the land are the publishers of Christian and other useful books. And happy is the man of whose publications it can be written (as Lyttelton did of the poet Thomson) that he has put forth

"Not one immoral, one corrupted thought,
One line which dying he could wish to blot."

To one excellent firm of this kind, (Messrs. Chas. Scribner & Co.,) our library is indebted for a donation of valuable books, which we acknowledge with thanks, and a hearty commendation of their catalogue to Presbyterian readers and teachers.

Functions of the Board of Education.

The function of the Board is a very simple one: it is a permanent commission, or committee, of the General Assembly, to fulfil the instructions of the Presbyteries, as declared by their representatives in the Assembly, with regard to candidates for the ministry; and to employ the general means necessary for the increase, maintenance, and care of candidates. It is now clearly recognized, that it receives no candidate save after careful examination and recommendation, in due form, by a Presbytery; and is in no wise responsible for this act, except that it be done in that form. It grants the measure of aid, at the stated times, appointed by the General Assembly. Its delegated office is to supervise the candidates so far as to secure their being regularly and actively engaged in their studies; to aim by suitable correspondence, publications, and addresses, to inspire them with diligent industry, with thorough piety, and with elevated aims; to supply the information which shall induce the general and liberal contribution of means for their support; and to keep before the whole Church the principles, motives, methods, illustrations, and suggestions, for the consideration especially of parents, pastors, and teachers, which are necessary to determine a constant flow of the pious youth of the Church towards the ministry as the central and vital power, under God, which keeps in circulation the organic life of the Church.—*Semi-Centenary Review of Board of Education.*

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN JUNE, 1869.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Fairmount ch	\$ 6 00	<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Little Redstone ch	\$ 8 25
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Aisquith St ch, Baltimore	5 77	<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Buck Creek ch 18; Rushsylvania ch 6 51	24 51
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Greenburgh ch	15 00	<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Richmond ch 3; Two Ridges ch 35; Linton ch 6 80	44 80
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Belfast ch	1 90	<i>Pby of St Paul</i> —Vermillion ch 3; Farmington ch 1; Empire ch 1	5 00
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Walnut Hills 1st ch 17 02; Pleasant Ridge ch 31 75; 7th ch Cincinnati 64 63	113 40	<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Rushville ch 5; Stevens- ville ch 6	11 00
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Beechwoods ch 11 75; Mt Tabor ch 1; Mt Pleasant ch 1 00; Mill Creek ch 1	14 75	<i>Pby of Washington</i> —East Buffalo ch 10 15; Cross Roads ch 14	24 15
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —White Plains ch	10 00	<i>Pby of West Lexington</i> —Second ch Lexington	300 00
<i>Pby of Dane</i> —Belleville ch 3; Dayton ch 3	6 03	<i>Pby of White Water</i> —Greenburgh ch	16 49
<i>Pby of Des Moines</i> —White Breast ch 5; Columbia ch 1	6 00	<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Dalton ch, to make J Baird an Honorary Member	54 00
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Lamington ch 10; Baskin- ridge ch 50	60 00		
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —West Kishacoquillas ch 63; Fruit Hill ch 4 25	67 25		
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Middletown ch 10; New London ch 8 50	18 50		
<i>Pby of Louisville</i> —Olivet ch	10 50		
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —First ch Springfield 49 86; Clifton ch, of which 4 from Young Ladies' Benevolent Society 41 10	90 96		
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Second ch Cranberry	20 00		
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —First ch Mansfield	40 00		
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Washington ch	6 26		
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Mingo ch 23 50; Oak Grove ch 2 55; Bethany ch 67	93 05		
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Seven Mile ch	6 00		
<i>Pby of Palmyra</i> —St Francisville ch	3 00		
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Tenth ch Phila, Wm Wilson, Esq 50; 7th ch. from a member 10	60 00		
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> 2d—Second Bridesburg ch	19 72		
		REFUNDED.	
Z T W		\$ 25 00	
		LEGACIES.	
Estate of Mrs Elizabeth Wilson, McClellandtown, Pa 19 88; Estate of Mrs Susan Thorne, Car- lisle, Pa, less expenses 47, 1,128		1,147 88	
		MISCELLANEOUS.	
M T 10; Columbus ch, N Y 4 44; Plattsburgh ch 3			
Total amount acknowledged,		\$ 2,352 58	
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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Recent Intelligence.

ADMITTED TO THE CHURCH.—The Rev. J. H. Myers mentions the reception of seven communicants on the 9th of May at Lodiana, India—two by certificate, and five on examination and profession of their faith.

RELIGIOUS INTEREST AT CHIENGMAI.—The Rev. D. McGilvary gives an interesting account of the new mission among the Laos. The missionaries are still well received by all classes, and much attention has been paid by some of the people to their instructions. Several persons had called on them for conversation about the Christian religion, some of whom came from distant places in the country. A tract on prayer, in manuscript we infer, had been taken to be copied, and it had been read with much care, amongst others by one of the princesses. A prince is spoken of as giving attention to the subject, and an officer of the Government was giving much hope of his soon embracing Christ as his Saviour. Their first convert, referred to in our notices of July, continued to walk well as a follower of Christ. The missionaries had employed a copyist to write a few copies of the Gospels and some tracts. They need a printing press, but the type have yet to be cast from matrices to be prepared—a work requiring time and considerable expense. In the meanwhile they can make good use of a lithographic press, which the Board has sent out, and which will reach them in a few months. The brethren earnestly desire to be helped in their work by the prayers of their Christian friends in this country.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES.—It is not practicable to give a satisfactory summary in brief space of the letters received from the missions, but we may refer to missionaries at Peking mourning over the suspension of a church member for not keeping the Sabbath, and their hope that another member would come forward to be a useful labourer among his own people;—the expectation of Mr. and Mrs. Nevius, and Miss Patrick, who had arrived at Tungchow, to make a visit to Tsinan Fu, the capital of the province of Shantung, to consider the expediency of forming a new station there, a subject that has for some time occupied the minds of the missionaries both of Tungchow and Peking;—the sorrow expressed at the departure of Messrs. Mills and Green and their families, their colleagues not knowing how to spare them, while yet feeling the necessity of their seeking health by visits to this country; at Hangchow a number of the native brethren presented Mr. Green with a scroll, inscribed “A Token of Respect,” in which they express their warm regard for him; (Mr. Mills and his family has left Tungchow, but we have not yet heard of their sailing from China;)—an interesting visit by Mr. Butler and one of the native ministers to several out-stations of the Ningpo Mission, at one of which two persons were examined in their presence by the session for admission to the church, who will probably be received at the next communion;—a proposal for a school at Canton, for the higher education of the natives;—Mr. Myers’ reference to a new sub-station at Jagrawan, not very distant from Lodiana, where operations have been well commenced, and where it is hoped one of the native brethren will be pastor of a church;—the remark in the same letter about the importance of missionary work for the Hindu women who do not live in “Zenanas,” the immensely

greater number ;—the arrogance of the Roman Catholic Bishops in Brazil, in a measure defeating its own object, while awakening discussions favourable to the work of our missionaries; the school at Bogota, and the religious services which are going on well ;—the somewhat unsettling influence of government changes of officers among the Indians, in one case two excellent friends of the missions being about to give place to others, who it is hoped may be also co-labourers in this good work ;—but of these and other matters in the same fields, and of interesting matters in other missions, our narrow limits do not permit the insertion of full accounts. In general, we may say, the work of Christ is going on well in our missions.

The home correspondence of the month has been marked, among other things, by conference as to four unmarried ladies going as teachers to different missions, three of them applying to be sent out, and all well recommended as qualified for such missionary work ; and by further information in support of requests for the establishment of two new missions amongst Indian tribes. In all these cases, we regret to add, the want of larger funds stands seriously in the way. Ought the Committee to incur new expenses, we mean, over and above those contemplated in the Estimates, as these were sanctioned by the last General Assembly ? Let it be remembered that these estimates call for an outlay of about \$27,500, a month.

RECEIPTS IN MAY AND JUNE: \$21,177; in the same month last year, \$18,320. From the churches this year, increase, \$1,225; from legacies, increase, \$2,675; from miscellaneous, decrease, \$1,043.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.—The Rev. D. D. Green and his family, of the Ningpo Mission, arrived at San Francisco, June 19th, and before this they have probably reached their home in Ohio. The Rev. G. S. Bergen, of the Lodiana Mission, arrived at New York, July 6th, on a short visit at his own expense to his friends in this country. The Rev. A. L. Blackford and his wife embarked for Rio de Janeiro on the 23d of June. Mrs. Blackford's health has been much benefitted by her visit. The Rev. Christopher Carrothers and his wife embarked at San Francisco on the 5th of July in the steamer for Japan. Mr. Carrothers is a graduate of the theological seminary at Chicago, and a member of the Presbytery of St. Clairsville; his wife is a daughter of the Rev. R. V. Dodge, of Madison, Wisconsin. These new missionaries will be followed to their work by many prayers.

FOR PEKING.—The Rev. W. A. P. Martin, D.D., has started on his return to China, expecting to take the steamer of August at San Francisco. He leaves his family in this country, where his children are pursuing their education under Mrs. Martin's care, and much sympathy will be felt for them all in this separation. Dr. Martin expects to enter on the duties of a professorship—that of political economy and international law—in a college about to be established at the capital by the Chinese government, and at the same time to engage in other labours, religious and literary, for the welfare of the Chinese.

LETTERS RECEIVED TO JULY 14TH.—from the Chippewa Mission, June 30th; Omaha, July 3d; Seminole, June 15th; San Francisco, July 5th; Peking, May 5th; Tungchow, May 10th; Shanghai, May 18th; Ningpo, May 13th; Canton, May 17th; Chiengmai, March 1st; Bangkok, May 6th; Petchaburi, March 27th; Allahabad, May 22d; Lodiana, May 14th; Landour, May 17th; Murree, May 24th; Corisco, May 15th; Monrovia, June 5th; Rio de Janeiro, May 26th; Sao Paulo, May 18th; Bogota, May 17th.

Medical Missionary Work at Canton and its vicinity, China.

We take the following extracts from the "Report of the Medical Missionary Society in China for the year 1868," which has lately reached us. The Hospital in Canton, under the charge of J. G. Kerr, M. D., a missionary of our Board, is certainly a very useful means of doing good, not merely in relieving cases of suffering in large numbers and variety, but in giving to many minds knowledge of the Great Physician.

The report contains many cases which would possess special interest to physicians, but we can only insert a few general statements.

REPORT OF HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARIES.

The Hospital in Canton and the Dispensaries in the country under the patronage of the Medical Missionary Society have been continued as heretofore. The following table gives a condensed view of the operations in Canton and at various dispensaries.

New Hospital and Kam-li-fau.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Out-patients,	16,945	6,930	23,875
In-patients,	629	348	977
Surgical Operations,	.....	.....	1,358
Vaccinations,	.....	.....	247

Ng-Chau and Shiu-Hing-fu.

Out-patients,	.....	.....	5,197
Vaccinations,	.....	.....	424

Shik-Lung and Tung-Kun.

Out-patients,	.....	.....	7,985
In-patients,	.....	.....	30
Operations,	.....	.....	200

Pok-lo.

Out-patients,	7,188	3,143	10,331
Operations,	.....	.....	30

Fu-mun.

Out-patients,	.....	.....	3,248
In-patients,	.....	.....	31
Operations,	.....	.....	237
Whole number Out-patients,	.....	.....	50,636
" " In-patients,	.....	.....	1,038
" " Operations,	.....	.....	1,825
" " Vaccinations,	.....	.....	671

It will be noticed that in Canton there is a large increase in the number of inpatients and of surgical operations, while there is a large increase of outpatients at the dispensaries.

Among the operations performed at the hospital in Canton were some of the most important in surgery, such as lithotomy, lithotrity, removal of the upper jaw, of tumor of the parotid space, and besides these, numerous minor operations which are often as

important in the benefit of the patient as those which require more skill in the surgeon.

The number of vaccinations reported does not give an adequate idea of the importance of this department, which consists mostly in furnishing genuine virus to native vaccinators. Many hundreds of children are vaccinated by pupils who have been taught to perform the operation in the hospital.

The assistance of Dr. Wong has been cheerfully rendered during the year on numerous occasions, and many of the capital operations were performed by him.

The medical class has numbered twelve pupils, some of whom are very promising young men. Two of those who have been connected with the hospital for five or six years are about to engage in private practice. The assistance of Dr. Wong in this department has been invaluable.

Some progress has been made in preparing a work on *materia medica* for Chinese pupils. Apparatus for chemical experiments has recently been obtained, and practical instruction is now given in this branch.

Religious services have been conducted daily in the hospital by the Rev. C. F. Preston, and in the various dispensaries by the missionaries who superintend them, or their assistants...

NEW HOSPITAL BUILDING.

The Report of the Building Committee was then presented by Mr. Sampson, as follows:—

"In accordance with a resolution passed at a general meeting held on 5th April, 1867, the Committee undertook to erect a building in connection with the Society's Hospital, which should serve as a Chapel and dispensing room, and also a temporary ward for the use of patients. The buildings were erected at an expense \$1,250 for the Chapel and prescribing room, and \$250 for the temporary wards. The wards were soon ready and the Chapel was formally opened by a special religious service on the 14th of September. The Committee having thus concluded the business for which they were appointed, can only express the hope that Dr. Kerr, on his return to China, has found the buildings well adapted for the purposes required, and that the Medical Missionary Society, its supporters and well-wishers, will be gratified by finding that these additions to the premises form another step towards establishing

a thoroughly efficient Missionary Hospital."

Dr. Kerr remarked, with reference to the buildings which had been erected during his absence, that they were a very great addition to the hospital. The reception room or Chapel was arranged to seat between two and three hundred persons, and now it is more than half filled every morning, when the inpatients are assembled for morning prayers, and for medical attendance to their cases. Also on prescribing days there are from fifty to eighty persons, and as the summer comes on with good weather, the seats will no doubt be filled with persons from all parts of the country, seeking relief for disease and pain. The prescribing and medicine rooms attached to the Chapel are well adapted for the purposes designed, and are indispensable to the proper arrangement of the hospital. The temporary wards, which have been put up at so small a cost, were very much needed, and will perhaps be good for eight or ten years, as they were not injured by the two typhoons of last year. In conclusion, Dr. Kerr wished to express his thanks to the Building Committee and to the Society for these improvements, and also to the friends of the Hospital who had furnished the means to establish the institution on a permanent basis, and he recognized in all these improvements an increased obligation placed upon him to make the institution to the greatest possible extent useful to the Chinese, for whom it is designed.

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Piercy, it was resolved that the report of the Building Committee be accepted, and a vote of thanks passed to the Committee for the satisfactory result of their labours, and that the report with Dr. Kerr's remarks be printed with the proceedings. . . .

MEDICAL STUDENTS—RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

There have been twelve pupils under instruction during the year, and some of these have made very respectable acquirements in the healing art. There is an increasing number of applications every year, of those who desire to learn our mode of treatment, and the establishment of a regular organized medical school in connection with the hospital is only a question of time. . . .

The missionary character of the hospital is carefully maintained. Preaching to out-patients on prescribing days, morning prayers with explanation of

the Scriptures and singing, and regular services on Sundays, are the means used for imparting to the patients that knowledge which is necessary to enable them to obtain the salvation offered in the Gospel. A few have during the year applied for baptism, but as yet none of them have been received into the church. In dealing with such cases, great judgment and knowledge of human nature are required. Deceit is a national characteristic of the Chinese, and it is not to be wondered at if they make false professions of a religion which they care nothing about, if by doing so, they can accomplish some selfish end. In the hospital, however, would seem to be the best place to reach the heart, and to convince the understanding, and there is no doubt but that many persons return to their homes, convinced of the truth of the Christian religion, and of the folly of idolatry, but they are not ready to face the trials which would be involved in sincere rejection of the time-honored superstitions and customs of the country.

Jottings from our Monthly Concert.

PEKING, April 8th, 1868.

One of the brethren, lately from Fuh-chau, remarked that the work there was very prosperous. In the beginning of their labours the missionaries of two societies spent ten years before they received the first convert. Now in connection with the different churches there are between four hundred and five hundred members. The same fact is noticeable there as at other stations, that more success has attended the preaching of the gospel in the cities and villages of the interior than in the open ports. It was gratifying to hear that some of the out-stations were enjoying the presence of God's Spirit. Two cases of suffering for Christ were related, showing that the Holy Spirit, whether in Jew or Chinese, enables a Christian to make a good confession. One of the native assistants was very severely beaten, but a good physical constitution enabled him to survive. Another was taken into the water and threatened with death unless he would renounce his faith. On his refusal he was put under the water. Brought up again gasping for breath, they again demanded his recantation. But though he could read only hate and determination in the faces of his foes, he steadfastly refused. He was again

thrust under and held until life was nearly extinct, but was then allowed to escape. Busy memory recalled scenes of those fearful rebel times in Ningpo, when one of the captives determined that though it should endanger his life, he would not break the Sabbath; and another boldly stated to his chief, that he was a Christian, and that though he would willingly work for him six days of the week, he could not work on the Sabbath.

He also gave an interesting account of missionaries recently visiting an island off the coast at Fuh-chau, and finding an unusual readiness on the part of the people to listen to the gospel. After a little time a church was organized with fifteen members. The people had in their possession Christian books which had been carefully preserved for over thirty years.

Another person present remarked that these books must have been left by missionaries in 1835, who had made a voyage along the coast of China for the purpose of book distribution. Mr. Stevens, one of the two missionaries engaged in this work, has written an interesting account of what must have been at that time a very novel experiment. For it will be remembered that the five treaty ports were not opened until 1842. The London Missionary Society, incited by the urgent call of Dr. Morrison for the dissemination of the bread of life among the millions of this empire, determined to send one of their missionaries upon this service. The Rev. W. H. Medhurst, who had spent eighteen years in the Chinese Mission at Batavia, came to China to carry out the wishes of the Society. A brig of two hundred and eleven tons, armed with two guns and a few swivels, was chartered. Twenty thousand volumes of various sizes, comprising the Scriptures, Harmony of the Gospel, Theology, Commentary on the Ten Commandments, a Life of Christ, and other publications were taken for distribution. A few bags of rice were also taken in furtherance of the object of the voyage, to be sold or not as should seem best. The voyage occupied two months and five days. During this time the adventurous travellers visited Shantung, Shanghai, Chinhai, Chusan, Poo-too, the mouth of the Fuh-chau River, and other points south. The officers at Shantung told them that the orders from Court were to treat foreigners with kindness and liberality whenever they came, but by no means to allow them

to stay and propagate their opinions. This was the spirit actuating all the officials they met. No personal violence was offered to them, but means were taken and the influence of the officers extended to prevent as far as possible the strangers from having access to the people. The eagerness of the people to possess the printed page freely given, even though the great majority of them probably could not intelligently read a single line, proved too strong for the officials. At the last place visited the writer remarks, had the people known these to be the last of our stock, as they really were, they could scarcely have scrambled for them more eagerly and violently. The missionaries returned to Canton, cheered by the thought that they had successfully accomplished their object, devoutly thankful to God who had preserved them through all their new and untried way. While it is delightful to see seed sown in that voyage springing up thirty years afterwards and bringing forth fruit, yet it must not be forgotten, when we consider the millions of pages that have issued from our presses, the many thousands of dollars that have been spent in giving books to the Chinese, that it is remarkable that such instances should be of such rare occurrence.

A missionary on a visit to the capital before proceeding to Japan, in conclusion, gave us a few words upon the encouraging aspect of that field. One of the missionaries has been called to Yedo to take charge of the Government school. The Ministers of the foreign powers have united in requesting the Government to repeal the present law, forbidding a change of faith under penalty of death. A hope was expressed of a favorable answer. With the removal of restrictions on the spread of the gospel, he believed that Japan would soon become a Christian country. May that day speedily dawn!

W. T. M.

A Visit to the Pangwes.

The Rev. C. DeHeer writes as follows from Corisco, West Africa, April 27th, 1869. He speaks of the Pangwes as cannibals, yet as not beyond the reach of the gospel.

On Tuesday, last week, I left home for a trip up the Muni River, my principal object being to reach the Pangwe or Fan people, who have not been visited

by any missionary since the lamented brethren Mackey and Clemens made a journey thither.

Soon after we entered the river we were called upon for an account of our destination and business, as no white men are permitted at present to ascend this river for the purpose of trade, on account of jealousy between the tribes.

As we ascended I stopped as opportunity offered to break the bread of life to those with whom I came in contact at Mbiko, Bouelamu, Botika and Boha towns. Coming near the end of our journey, which was also the head of boat navigation, my men pointed out a large tree overhanging the river, at the foot of which Brother Clemens bivouacked on his journey. On the third day we reached a hamlet formerly known as Mbeni's town. Here I met the two men, Njetu and Ubenqini, who had acted as Mr. Mackey's guides on his visit here. At sight of these waymarks I was much overcome, thinking how others with whom I had been associated had travelled the same road and come in contact with the same people, and their work well-done, they had gone to their reward.

Here I came in contact, for the first time in any number, with the cannibal Pangwes. Then indeed I found myself a "gazing stock" and a "show," after the people had summoned sufficient courage to approach me; their fear and timidity at the first were rather amusing; some would not shake hands with me at all, others after much hesitation advanced with trembling. After they became better acquainted they followed me everywhere, until I began to feel that a little solitude might have charms. These are a more hardy looking people than I have met elsewhere. Having but recently descended from the more mountainous regions, their appearance bears record to their greater healthfulness. They are exceedingly simple in their customs; cotton cloth seldom reaches them, and indeed they seem to have but little care for it, content with a scanty covering of bark, or the skins of animals. They keep their bodies constantly oiled, and many of them are fantastically tatooed, they also dress and ornament their hair elaborately. They are industrious and skillful; the former is apparent from the fact that the hardest work which along this coast usually falls to the lot of females, is performed wholly by the men. They manufacture knives, fish-hooks, chains, spears, bells, &c., from iron dug from their own hills. The

ore is melted once in huge charcoal fires, when it is fit for use. Their houses are mere huts; the dead are buried beneath the same roof which shelters them. They were kind to me, and apparently hospitable, though their means of manifesting the latter were very limited. It is a season of great scarcity with them. Notwithstanding so much that is pleasant and amiable, they are doubtless a very cruel and very savage people. Their enemies are put to death in a most cruel manner, accompanied with much ceremony; the blood of the slain is eagerly gathered, and is used in cooking; the head is regarded as the special property of the chief executioner, the body being divided amongst the males in the town.

I preached the word to *this* interesting people with deep feeling; though so degraded, they are God's creatures, and have souls made in his image and precious in his sight. This tribe is supposed to number not less than eighty thousand. Trading factories are numerous along this river, and their proprietors manifest much opposition to the spread of the gospel, lest with the coming of the light their evil deeds be reproved. The traffic they introduce may not be inaptly compared to the pestilence which walketh at noonday—fatal to body and soul. Let their dying cry arrest the ear of Christians, and let them hasten to the rescue, before it be too late.

I left this interesting field with reluctance, and returned to my station on Corisco, which had during my absence been entirely under the care of Mrs. DeHeer. My trip had been laborious, and I return to comfort; but give me rather the crowd of ignorant eagernatives, by whom I had been surrounded during my absence.

I have been long desirous of getting boys from that tribe to educate, and this formed part of the object of my present journey. I succeeded in gaining the consent of one father to give me his son, and the confidence of others will thus be increased, I trust.

Late advices from Benita, report the brethren and sisters there in good health. Brother Menaul's family and my own are in usual health. I am happy to report some indications of progress on the island.

The Waldenses.

In the valleys of Piedmont the Waldensian population reaches about 22,000

persons of all ages, and there may be 1,000 more scattered through other parts of Italy. Of these, until recently, all who have reached a fixed age, twelve or fourteen years, as is also the case where the Lutheran faith prevails, are received to the communion, after baptism, and become members of the local churches. So that there may really be a membership of 10,000 or 12,000, in all. Four years since, at the meeting of the Council, at La Tour, this custom was changed, and from that time all persons received to this church have been examined by the Session, and must give evidence of a radical change of heart.

Their Synod or Council consists of all the ministers of the different churches, and twice their number of lay delegates, the two laymen from any church, however, having but one vote, the same as the pastor. Their higher court, called "The Table," consists of three clergymen, and two laymen. The government of the individual churches corresponds with that of the Presbyterians of this country, and they affiliate more closely with the Scotch Presbyterian church in Italy, than with any other body. Their theological seminary has usually fifteen to twenty students, which, though not large in numbers, is really proportionally so when their population is considered. Allowing that they have 4,800 males in their communion and sixteen students, it is one in every three hundred eligible persons. To meet this proportion in our own country, assuming that we have in our Evangelical churches 2,100,000 male members, it would require that we should have 7,000 students in our different theological seminaries, which is, doubtless, greatly in excess of the actual number.

It is very true that the Italians do not consider the Waldenses as natives of Italy, as they are a French-speaking people, but look upon them as foreigners, having the common prejudice against them.

This seriously hinders their usefulness, but no one who impartially examines their work in Naples, Florence, Milan, Turin, Venice, and elsewhere, can doubt their great usefulness. With all their human weaknesses, the Lord uses them as important instruments in

the glorious work of the Evangelization of Italy.—*The Congregationalist, July 1st, 1869.*

Freedmen Contributing to the Foreign Board.

It was in Logan Church, Catawba Presbytery, North Carolina. I had gone round and took down their contributions four weeks ago, and yesterday, after riding nine miles, I preached to them on the *Riches and Poverty* of Christ, endeavouring to tell the poor Freedmen how they could become rich through the poverty of Jesus; and encouraged and strengthened by their melting singing in the morning prayer-meeting as I approached the church, we preached with more than usual liberty, and as we advanced with the great theme, they became deeply interested. Closing with singing that precious hymn,

"Did Christ o'er sinners weep,
And shall our cheeks be dry?"

I stood in the pulpit and called out the names of each subscriber, and to my great gratification, every one present came forward most nobly and paid what he had subscribed. And some being so deeply interested in this great work even gave more than they had subscribed. We never saw a subscription paid so promptly before, anywhere. They seemed to have a deep sense of the great dishonour of subscribing and not paying, so much so that some paid for their absent friends when their names were read out. The amount contributed was not large it is true, (ranging from five to twenty-five cents apiece,) yet it was *very liberal* considering what they have. It was the Sabbath-school collection, with the congregation joining in, to procure the *Foreign Missionary* for every family of the congregation. It is a good way to get a big contribution to have the people *sign*, and call out their names and have them pay the next Sabbath.

This little church has passed through some fiery trials, but their prospects are more encouraging now. One member said they gave more yesterday than they had ever done before. A. S. B.

STATESVILLE, N. C., June 14th, '69.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN JUNE, 1869.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Second ch, Albany 141 77 ; Rockwell Falls ch 3 50 \$145 27

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Sun-

bury ch 18. *Pby of Erie*—Petroleum Centre ch 75 93 00

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—West-

minster ch, Baltimore. Grace Lee (blind girl) 3; Aisquith Street ch, Baltimore 21 75. *Pby of Carlisle*—Rocky Spring and St Thomas chs 22. *Pby of Catawba*—Logan Sab-sch 4; New Centre Sab-sch 3 10 53 85

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Ogdensburg*—Hammond ch, A Mother's Thank-offering 8 00

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Belfast ch 3 20

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Waynesville Sab-sch 1 25. *Pby of Palestine*—Darwin ch 2. *Pby of Saline*—McLeansboro ch 10 13 25

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Indianapolis*—Hopewell Sab-sch 15. *Pby of Vincennes*—Mt Vernon Sab-sch 15 78. *Pby of White Water*—Greensburg ch 92 24 123 02

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Walcott ch 8 45

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Louisville*—Chestnut Street ch, Louisville 133 95. *Pby of Pennsylvania*—First ch, Danville 187 95; 2d ch, Danville 275 50. *Pby of West Lexington*—Second ch, Lexington, "The Knitters" for women in India 10 609 40

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of St Louis*—Bethel German Sab-sch 10 50. *Pby of Upper Missouri*—Mirabile ch 10 20 50

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—First ch, Camden, Sab-sch 80; Allentown Sab-sch for Dehra sch 41 50. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—Elizabethport ch 47. *Pby of Luzerne*—Newton ch, 25. Sab-sch 15 = 40; Mauch Chunk Sab-schs 133 63. *Pby of Monmouth*—Shrewsbury ch 27. *Pby of Newton*—Belvidere Sab-sch 25. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Second ch, Cranberry 25. *Pby of Passaic*—Central ch, Orange 154; Chatham Village ch, S B Wilkinson 5; 3d ch, Newark, mo con 3 34; Wickliffe ch, mo con 10 87; Rutherford Park ch, mo con 13 53; German ch, Paterson 5. *Pby of Raritan*—First ch, Stockton 34 41. *Pby of West Jersey*—Greenwich ch 100 772 30

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—White Plains ch 52 75. *Pby of Hudson*—Washingtonville ch 20; Florida ch 5. *Pby of Long Island*—East Hampton ch, mo con 89 84. *Pby of Nassau*—Throop Avenue ch 17 32; Geneva ch, mo con 28 10; Astoria ch, mo con 50; 1st ch, Brooklyn, mo con, 91 15, Sab-sch 150 = 241 15; South Third Street ch, Williamsburg, mo con 40 37; Ainslie Street ch, mo con 8 84; German ch, Williamsburg 10; Jamaica ch, mo con 35. *Pby of New York*—Brick ch, mo con 105 30; Brick ch Chapel 6 10; University Place ch, mo con 27; Scotch ch, Jersey City 11; Chelsea ch Mission Sab-sch 17: 1st ch, New York, A Friend 1: 1st ch, Edgewater, mo con 29 23. *Pby of New York* 2d—Peekskill ch, mo con 34 35; Washington Heights ch 20 849 35

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIA.—*Pby of Furrukabad*—Mynpurie Mission ch (gold) \$142 00

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Logansport*—First ch Lafayette 25 65; Sab-sch 8 11 33 76

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Columbus*—Westminster ch, Columbus 118 80. *Pby of Marion*—Mt Gillead ch, Sun Fish. Sab-sch 50 cents. *Pby of Zanesville*—First ch Washington Sab-sch 8 127 30

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Bellevue ch 52 42; Lancaster Sab-sch 40 50; Chestnut Level ch 72. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Huntingdon Sab-sch, for Jacob Miller Scholarship 25; Bethel and Petersburg Sab-schs 2 58, Emma and Jane 42 cts = 3. *Pby of New Castle*—New London ch, Benevolent Fund 120. *Pby of Northumberland*—Jersey Shore ch 53. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Seventh ch Phila 1547 34, of which from a lady, for two children at Corisco 75, and Rev Dr Crowell's family for a child at Ningpo 60. Sab-sch 5 = 1,552 34; Bethany Memorial ch, Infant sch, for Benita boy 30; 10th ch Phila, mo con 51 30. Wm Wilson 150 = 201 30; Westminster ch, Phila 37. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Kensington Sab-sch 75. *Pby of Philadelphia* 2d—Abington ch, mo con 40; Bridesburg ch 29, contents of missionary box, young men's prayer-meeting 15 = 35 2,836 56

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—Poke Run ch 63 50. *Pby of Clarion*—Bethesda ch, Female Missionary Society 8. *Pby of Ohio*—Lawrenceville ch, Ladies Missionary Society 30; 4th ch Pittsburgh 5, 6th ch Pittsburgh 297 65; West Elizabeth ch, a member 2. *Pby of Redstone*—Brownsville Sab-sch 10; Little Redstone Sab-sch 10 426 15

SYNOD OF ST PAUL.—*Pby of St Paul*—Westminster ch, Minneapolis, mo con 7; Vernillion ch 4; Farmington ch 1, Empire Sab-sch 2 = 3; Prescott and Big View chs 10 24 00

SYNOD OF SANDEUSKY.—*Pby of Western Reserve*—Tiffin Sab-sch 10 00

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—Des Moines Sab-sch 3; Albia ch, Watson, Sab-sch 1 35. *Pby of Fairfield*—Summit ch 10. *Pby of Iowa*—Sharon ch 12 99 27 25

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of Steubenville*—New Hagerstown Sab-sch 33. *Pby of St Clairsville*—Kirkwood ch, for Rio chapel 25; Martinsville ch 25. *Pby of Washington*—First ch Washington 91 90. *Pby of West Virginia*—Sistersville ch 2 25 177 15

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Winnebago*—Portage City Sab-sch 26 77; Kilbourne City Sab-sch, Cent Society 1 27 77

Total receipts from churches, \$6,031 53

LEGACIES.—Estate of Ann P White, Worcester Co, Md 1,073; Legacy of Mrs Susan Thorne, dec'd, late of Carlisle, Pa, less expenses 1,128 \$2,201 03

MISCELLANEOUS.—Rev Dr Martin 5; A Lady in country 5; S B Brownell, to son Hugh Achincloss Brown Life Member 50; N C Thompson, Rockford, Ill 100; Nathaniel Carpenter 50; Rev E C Wines, D.D. 5; Rev J Dale 10; Rev Wm Scribner 5; Gen G Loomis 5; J Dimick, Portsmouth, N H 2 50; A Friend, South Salem, N Y 5; Mrs Narcissa Shuler 5; Maggie, Willie and Eddie, first offerings 35 cts; Sundries 65 cts; J Curtis Stewart 10; Geo Chalmers Stewart 1; S A Gay, Morgantown, W Va, to son Miss Hannah Simonson Life Member 50; Mary Vance 7; J M 5; Rev A S Kemper 2; Union Sab-sch, Madison Township, Pa 3; Miss S Wilson 10; Legacy, M Patton, dec'd 5; A Friend of Missions, Hagers-town, Md 100; G W F, Ill 10; M T 10 461 50

Total Receipts in June, 1869, \$8,694 03

Total Receipts from May, \$21,177 96

WM. RANKIN, JR., Treasurer,
23 Centre Street, New York.

LETTERS relating to the Missions, or other operations of the Board, may be addressed to the Rev. JOHN C. LOWREY, or Rev. DAVID IRVING, Secretaries, Mission House, 23 Centre street, New York.

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BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

PUBLISHING HOUSE, 821 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

Letters relating to donations of books and tracts, the appointment of Colporteurs, manuscripts and books offered for publication, and the general interests of the Board, to be addressed to the Rev WILLIAM E. SCHENCK, D.D., Corresponding Secretary and Editor, No. 821 Chestnut street.

All communications, reports, remittances of money, donations, and orders for books, to be addressed to Mr. WINTHROP SARGENT, Superintendent of Colportage, Business Correspondent, and Treasurer.

Subscriptions to *The Record*, and the *Sabbath-School Visitor*, and payments for the same, to be addressed to Mr. PETER WALKER.

Our Books among the Indians.

Some time since the Board made a donation of small books, tracts, Shorter Catechisms in the Creek language, &c., &c., to a missionary who is labouring zealously among the Creeks in the Indian Territory. The following acknowledgment is just received :

"The copies of '*Children's Praise*' will be a great help, and the Catechisms supply a pressing want. The tracts, too, I was greatly needing.

" You don't know—yes, I hope you do—what a help, what a comfort it is, to have the right kind of reading to give a pupil, a hearer, a friend, or a stranger.

" Our school of forty boys and forty girls goes on quietly, and, I trust, prosperously. Most of our pupils are making good progress in their studies, growing up to be useful men and women. Ten are members of our own or sister churches; others are inquiring what they shall do, and some are professing a hope in Christ.

" The 'children' send many thanks for the books. We have been especially interested in the '*Children in Heaven*.' With many thanks for all your kindness,

I am, &c.,

W. S. R."

Shouting for Joy.

The following lines from a pastor in Missouri, to whom a grant of the Board's publications had been sent, for the use of his Sabbath-school, well express the feelings of many a Western missionary and many a needy Sabbath-school in similar circumstances. Will not those who have the means help us to send the messengers of joy to those who hunger for good reading?

" Your liberal donation of books, papers, tracts, &c., &c., was duly received, and I scarcely know how to express my gratitude. But I can assure you with the deepest sincerity of heart that we are thankful. I know there will be a *shouting for joy* when I present them to the superintendent and school, and that many a grateful prayer will go up from that little company in behalf of their benefactors. I hope this will make them the more interested in our Board. Hoping that this gift made by the Board through your kindness may prove a mutual blessing, and add

something to the advancement of the Master's kingdom in the earth, I remain, yours, in a precious Saviour,

J. B. M."

A Soldier Well Armed.

No soldier ought to go into battle without the most effective arms he can secure. So no minister of the gospel ought to be content with his equipment for his Master's work, without a well-selected and ample supply of tracts suited to his work, and his field of labour.

The Board of Publication very willingly furnishes tracts, without charge, to our pastors who may need and cannot afford to buy them for gratuitous distribution. One of these, a good brother in Ohio, who had received a package, writes as follows:—

"I desire to thank the Board most cordially for the fine supply of tracts received the other day. It fills my heart with gladness, and makes me feel like a soldier well-armed for battle. I will try to make them do some execution. I have paid heretofore a good deal for tracts, yet never received so fine a supply as this, which comes gratis.

"Affectionately yours,

R. H. V. P."

The Board's Tracts.

A worthy ministerial brother in Iowa recently solicited a donation of tracts from the Board. On receiving them he wrote as follows:—

"I received the eleven bound volumes containing a set of the Board's tracts, as well as the additional copies of '*Musgrave on the Divine Decrees*', and desire to express my sincere thanks for this generous gift. I value these tracts very highly. *They are a thesaurus of theology on the various Bible truths taught by our Church.* I am sure they will be of great service to me. May the great Head of the Church smile upon every effort of the Board to disseminate a pure gospel literature, and to refute the various pernicious errors that are spread abroad in our land."

We feel sure that our brother's estimate of the value of the Board's tracts is well founded, and we often lament that so many of our ministers know so little about them, and make so little use of them. Every Presbyterian pastor ought to be familiar with the Board's catalogue of tracts, and to make a free and constant use of them. It will add greatly to his power to do good.

A Stimulating Donation.

The following is from a missionary in Iowa, and a colporteur, whose Sabbath-school was recently furnished by the Board with a supply of Shorter Catechisms and a liberal donation toward a library:—

"Your donation of Sabbath-school books was gratefully received. The school for whose benefit they were procured, has just been organized, and consists of about thirty scholars. The idea of receiving new books to read affords quite a stimulus to activity in the Sabbath-school work, both in the

way of bringing children to the school and of interesting them while there. A few of the children, who a few weeks ago scarcely knew what the Shorter Catechism was, have committed nearly the whole of it to memory, with the hope of receiving a prize Bible as a reward. Let the friends of the Board of Publication remember that books are far from plenty in these Western States. My earnest prayer is, as I see the great destitution of religious books, that this arm of our Church may be greatly strengthened by the liberality of God's people, to do a far greater work than ever by way of donations."

C. P. S.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

I. From Dawn to Dark in Italy.
A tale of the Reformation in the Sixteenth Century. 16mo, pp. 538. With numerous illustrations. Price \$1.50.

In its external appearance this is a truly beautiful volume. But its chief claim to attention lies in the rich and most interesting mass of truth contained between its covers. It is a "historical tale of the Reformation, prepared with great care from the best authorities on the subject. It presents a faithful picture of a period the most eventful in the religious history of Italy, when the light that had always lingered among the Vandois in the recesses of the Alps seemed rising and spreading on the horizon." But this rising light, after a brief interval, amid blood and fire gave place to a deep darkness, which has continued to our own day. Until lately we have known little about the Italian Reformers, their labours and their sufferings. This admirable volume will help us to know them and to appreciate them. It will also help Americans to understand the spirit and aims of Popery, which is now putting forth gigantic efforts to subdue our own free and happy land beneath its horrid sway. Let the book be read by everybody.

II. Presbyterian Doctrine, briefly stated. By Rev. A. A. Hodge, D.D., Professor in the Western Theological Seminary, and author of "The Atonement." An 18mo tract of 35 pages. Price 5 cents.

An admirable condensation and ex-

hibition of the Presbyterian's creed. It is so simple that a little child may comprehend it all. It is as lucid as a sunbeam. There is nothing controversial in it. Every Presbyterian should read it carefully, and give copies to others.

III. The Prophet Elisha. By John M. Lowrie, D.D., author of "Esther and her Times," "The Hebrew Lawgiver," "A Week with Jesus," "The Translated Prophet," &c., &c. To which is prefixed "A Memoir of the Author," by the Rev. William D. Howard, D.D., of Pittsburgh, Pa. 12mo. Price \$1.00.

This work in its general characteristics resembles its predecessors, and is, like them, a monument to the learning, industry, sound judgment and talents of one who has gone to receive his heavenly reward. The life of Elisha and the deeply interesting times in which he lived are here set before us in a most lively and impressive manner. The Holy Scriptures are elucidated and expounded in fact, though not in form. Much value is added to the volume by Dr. Howard's prefixed Memoir, in which the life, labours and character of Dr. Lowrie are judiciously and touchingly depicted. The book also has an admirable portrait of the author for its frontispiece.

IV. Der Born die Sunde und Unreinigkeit. Von William E. Schenck, D.D. [The Fountain for Sin and Uncleanness]. A German tract of 24 pages, 12mo.

This tract was in substance preached

before the Synod of Wisconsin in October last. Its publication was asked for by several of the German ministers who

were present, and who thought it would do good among their people. May their hopes be abundantly fulfilled.

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Corresponding Secretary, Rev. H. R. WILSON, D.D.

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Why should not the children and youth of the Church contribute to the cause of Church Extension?

It seems plain to the writer, that in Sabbath-school collections we should aim, above all things, to train the young to understand and value the different departments of Christian effort, and to form the habit of aiding them, upon system. Why do so many, who should know better, set Foreign and Domestic Missions in contrast? Why does this man devote himself to the Sabbath-school cause *alone*, and that man see no claims upon his charity, but those of the Bible cause? Because they are literally men of *one idea*, having never learned the value, relation, and mutual dependence of these various plans of the Church. They neglect giving to *some*; perhaps to all our Boards, because when young they formed no habit of systematic benevolence, nor were taught to take a comprehensive view of the field of Christian effort. To guard against this, in the rising generation, let us endeavour to interest our children, not in behalf of *one or two* but *all* of our Boards, and the only effectual way to *interest* is to *instruct* them, in regard to the operations of these Boards. Why should they not contribute to the cause of Church Extension as well as to the Sabbath-school, Tract, Bible, Education, or Missionary cause? These church edifices which we are labouring to erect are for *them*, as well as for their parents and adult friends. Soon they will be the acting members, deacons, elders, and ministers in these churches. Soon this work of Church Extension, which we are striving to carry forward, must be committed to *their hands*. How can they be prepared for this responsibility, if not trained for it? Parents, teachers and superintendents of Sabbath-schools, see to it that the children under your care and training be encouraged to cast *their offerings with yours*, into this part of the Lord's treasury, and thus, with God's blessing, shall they become co-workers in the up-building of the Lord's house and the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom. We look with anxiety for the contributions soon to be sent in, as this is the month set apart by the General Assembly for collections in aid of this Board.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION IN JUNE, 1869.

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<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Atlanta ch	5 00		
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Newton ch	7 14		
<i>Pby of Muncie</i> —Tipton ch	5 00		
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —First ch Sparta	8 00		
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Capitol Hill ch	14 00		
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		MISCELLANEOUS.	
		C W McGonnigal, Uricksville, Ohio 12 50; Mary Vance, Washington, D C 5; Rev J E Nourse, D C 5; M T 10	32 50
		Total for June,	\$531 06
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FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS,
AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

Rev. GEORGE HALE, D.D., *Secretary.*

OFFICE, 320 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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The following amounts have been received since the last report, viz:

<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Waterford ch	27 73;	Sab-sch of do	\$46 26	<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> 2d—Bridesburg ch	\$9 00
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<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Centreville ch	11 00				\$672 03
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				A Lady in the country	5 00
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<i>Pby of Buffalo City</i> —Central ch	25 00			Estate of Mrs Susan Thorne, of Carlisle, Pa,	
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Millersburg ch	6 00			Legacy	2,068 00
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<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Cranberry 2d ch	5;	Hamilton Square ch	10 00		
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Calvary eh	13 55				
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —White Plains ch	21 40				
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —Newtown ch	35 00				
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Brooklyn 1st ch	186 70				
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Bedford ch	25 00				
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Sixth ch	Philadelphia 29 50;	Win Wilson, Esq, of 10th ch	Philadelphia 50;		
			70 50		

GEO. H. VAN GELDER.
Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly,
Office. No. 320 Walnut Street.
Philadelphia, July 5th, 1869.

In remitting money to this Fund, the name of the Church and Presbytery to which it belongs should be distinctly stated, that it may be correctly acknowledged. And where checks or drafts are sent they should be drawn to the order of “GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer.”

Systematic Benevolence.

The Presbytery of New Brunswick, in connection with the discussion of the Church schemes of benevolence, has passed among others the following resolutions:

“Resolved, That it shall be the first order of the day on the afternoon of the first day of the spring sessions to hear the Statistical Reports of churches, and that the Presbytery will proceed to inquire as to any deficiencies in the contributions of the churches, according to the injunctions of the General Assembly.

“Resolved, That measures ought to be adopted to secure an organized system in all our eongregations for bringing out the resources of all their members in support of the various Boards of the Church, and other claims of Christian benevolence.

“Resolved, That it is earnestly recommended to the Sessions and Deacons of our churches that they appoint suitable persons to devise, put into operation, and supervise the best means of developing the liberality of our churches.

“Resolved, That Presbytery will rigidly enforce its rule to inquire of all delinquent churches the reasons which have prevented them from contributing to all the Boards, and in case the reason is not deemed satisfactory, to record its dissatisfaction by a formal vote, and inform the delinquent church of its action, and require the collection to be taken.

“Presbytery enjoins on Pastors and Stated Supplies to present these varied objects to their people on the days specified by the General Assembly, and at every other fitting opportunity, in such way as they may deem best fitted to inform their people, awaken their interest, and increase their liberality. Presbytery also enjoins upon the Pastors and Sessions of churches the *duty of adopting some plan for securing contributions, and then of pursuing it faithfully and zealously.*”

During the past year this Presbytery, in consequence of the above action, reported collections for each of the seven schemes of the Church from every congregation; the coloured church at Princeton only excepted, which has sent in no report. The Presbyteries of Southern Minnesota, Elizabethtown, Albany, and some others, have shown a like commendable zeal and fidelity in this matter. The earnestness with which the Church is taking hold of the practical work of systematic beneficence is one of the most encouraging indications of the times.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

Rev. S. C. LOGAN, Corresponding Secretary. DAVID ROBINSON, Esq., Treasurer, Box 224, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Wm. MAIN, Esq., Receiving Agent, 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

Will the Freedmen Sustain their Churches?

This is a question in which the whole Church is interested. The ultimate and permanent success of missions among them must depend in great measure upon the heartiness and energy with which the freedmen support the institutions of the Church planted for their blessing. The habit of self-reliance may be of slow growth among a people who, for generations, have been educated to lean upon another race, and forbidden to think for themselves or plan for their children. And our schemes of education for their benefit may be very defective in teaching them that self-respect which leads Christians generally to make great sacrifices rather than incur obligations. And yet our experience in this work gives us most cheering tokens. The people are learning rapidly to sacrifice and to labour for the church and school. They are in many places beginning to learn the true value of education and of church privileges. The eight thousand dollars paid last year for the support of the missionaries and teachers among them under direction of the Committee gives assurance of what may be expected in time to come. Very much in this respect depends upon the position taken by our coloured ministers in the field. They occupy a position both toward the Church, which has generously educated them, and toward the freedmen, with whose interests they are personally identified, which gives them great power for good. If they preach faithfully the doctrine of the Bible regarding ministerial support, and of sacrifice for the Church, the people will hear them without prejudice. If they should shrink from their duty in this respect, or yield to the notion that it is right to get all that can be had out of white Christians, a great wrong will be done, and the elevation of the people will be retarded for long years. There is already much uneasiness manifested among the friends of our missions in this regard. We are asked frequently if we really believe the freedmen will ever be self-sustaining. We have seen enough to give us cheering hope, and we beg the Church to wait patiently, and to consider well the difficulties which are to be overcome before the end is reached. We believe not only that they will support their own churches, but that they will be most earnest, generous helpers to the Church in the great work of missions.

The spirit of our coloured ministers in this matter as well as the difficulties of the case, are indicated in the following extract from the July report of our missionary at Lexington, N. C. He is an earnest, self-denying brother, and one whom God has blessed with very great success. He writes as follows:—"The only painful thing to me in this work is the last subject of your letter. You beg the missionaries to urge their people to become self-sustaining. I never expect to go out of the ministry unless the Church compels me to do so in order to get my daily bread. Language fails me; I am not able to describe this great and good work. I know our people ought to be self-sustaining as soon as possible, and for my part I wish they were so to-day. All my congregations wish and pray for that happy day to come when they can have what they are longing for, that is preaching every Sabbath in each of their own churches. I think I can tell you just how near that happy day is. Whenever this country is *fully able and fully willing to remunerate*

the labouring man as he should be remunerated for his toil, you may expect it. My dear sir, at this very moment I look on some labouring men who will have to work four days to get one bushel of corn. In this county white and black find it the hardest kind of work to supply themselves with the common necessities of life. Those who live in the North would be surprised to find the vast extent of actual suffering in this country, and this among all classes. As I pass through the country it makes my heart ache. When I have a few cents to spare I give to black and white alike. But I fear this is stale news to the Committee. But sometimes I see in bad newspapers bad articles, written I fear by bad men, or by good men under a mistake. These men undertake to show that the good old mother Church of the North will have to support these missions so long as they exist. Allow me to say that I believe with all my heart that these prophecies are all false. In our missions we have enough of evidence to satisfy any good mind and heart not corrupted by prejudice. You are often told this is a hopeless scheme. I know to the contrary, I plead as a black man for my distressed, long abused people. It makes their hearts ache because they are not able to do more for their schools and churches. Our people love their sanctuary privileges as well as any people on earth, and they will, I hope, do all they can to become self-sustaining. The great question is, how long will the Church sustain them, and how long will they require help? They cannot help themselves before the time I have specified. When this country is in a prosperous condition so will its citizens and churches be. If my people do not then give, and do for the Church as they are able, I hope the Church will send me to Africa.

I am your brother."

Here is light for those who are watching for the day. The true gospel will act on black men just as it does on white men. This dear brother does not stand alone. The devoted band of coloured pastors is rapidly increasing, and with returning prosperity, self-supporting churches in this mission field will increase as rapidly, we believe, as in any other field of the Church's work.

The Committee on Freedmen have but two thousand five hundred dollars in the treasury. And the work constantly enlarging, we trust our churches will not leave us without the ability to pay the salaries of the men who are "bearing the burden in the heat of the day."

DONATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN IN JUNE, 1869.

<i>Pby of Atlantic</i> —James Island coloured ch 1 50;		Point coloured sch 19 50; Macon coloured sch 7;	
Johns Island coloured ch 3; Edisto colored ch 5 10; St Andrews coloured ch 2 30; Wadmalaw coloured ch 4; Wallingford Academy 68 82;		Williams coloured sch 1	48 50
Ebenezer coloured ch 13 21; Wilmington coloured sch 11 75; Tarboro' coloured sch 16	\$125 68		
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —First ch Allegheny 60; Muddy Creek ch 8 75	68 75		
<i>Pby of Catawba</i> —Charlotte coloured sch 50 20; Salisbury coloured sch 20; Mebaneville coloured ch 18; Greensboro' coloured ch 3; Franklinton coloured sch 4; White Hall coloured sch 5; Henderson coloured sch 20 70; Lexington coloured sch 4; Concord coloured ch and sch 5 65; Poplar Tent coloured sch 22 49; Tarboro' coloured sch 10; Wilmington coloured ch and sch 31; Statesville coloured sch 3 40; Mocksville coloured ch and sch 4; Mt Zion coloured ch 1; Mt Vernon coloured ch 5; Ben-salem coloured sch 6; Bethpage coloured ch 5 60; Rocky River coloured ch 3	222 04		
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —South Salem ch	41 50	Total amount rec'd from Churches	\$653 33
<i>Pby of Dane</i> —Oakland ch	20 00	MISCELLANEOUS.	
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Baskingridge ch	26 00	Columbia coloured sch and ch 138 96; Rev A A E Taylor, Cin 10; Mrs N A Halliday, Charitan, Iowa 1 25; Rev Jas Van Dyke, Cranberry, N J 5; Rev J Dale, Fairbury, Ill 10; Class No 2, Berean Sab-sch, Summit, N J 5; Rev D L Dickey, Crosscut, Pa 5; Anonymous, Pittsburgh 1 35; Alfred Hand, Esq., Scranton, Pa, 26; Mrs F Lewis, Wyncsburg, Pa 25	227 56
<i>Pby of Logansport</i> —Third ch Lafayette	10 84	Total receipts in June,	\$980 89
<i>Pby of Mohawk</i> —A member of Park Central ch, Syracuse	25 00	D. ROBINSON, Treasurer, No. 78 Fourth Street, Pittsburgh.	
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Wallabout ch	13 50		
<i>Pby of St Louis</i> —Second ch St Louis	144 00		
<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —First ch West Liberty	4 52		
<i>Pby of Knox</i> —Atlanta coloured ch 21; Union			

The Committee acknowledge the following donations:—

1 box clothing from the Tenth Pres ch Philadelphia, valued at	\$250 00
100 vols Sab-sch books from Amity, Pa., not valued.	
1 box Sab-sch papers from Mr. J. G. Smith, North Mills, Pa, valued at	12 00
1 box books from Sab-sch Bacon Ridge Pres ch, Ohio, not valued.	
1 barrel books and clothing for Charleston, from friends of Rev. J. H. Bates, Merrimac, N H, not valued.	
1 box Sab-sch books from New Salem Pres ch, Pa., not valued.	

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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

TABLE

SHOWING THE AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS FROM MARCH 1, 1868, TO MARCH 1, 1869, BY SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES, AND THE AMOUNT DUE OR PAID IN RETURN TO THEM, DURING THE SAME PERIOD, FOR THE SUPPORT OF THEIR MISSIONARIES.

SYNODS.	PRESBYTERIES.	No. of Ministers.	No. of Churches.	No. of Church Members.	Contributed to the Board.	Received from the Board.
ALBANY.....	Albany	35	37	5855	\$2716 26	\$325 00
	Londonderry	33	11	1654	243 91	395 83
	Mohawk.....	9	7	921	684 95	.....
	Troy	16	15	2743	1030 35	385 42
		93	70	11173	\$1675 47	\$1106 25
ALLEGHENY.....	Allegheny.....	24	34	4097	\$643 77	\$158 33
	Allegheny City	26	20	3353	860 66	954 17
	Beaver	22	19	3405	953 85	.....
	Erie	20	34	3269	758 45	714 58
		92	107	14124	\$3216 73	\$1827 08
ATLANTIC.....	Atlantic	8	14	2020	\$28 50	\$1471 25
	Catawba.....	8	33	1603	19 00	2275 00
	Knox	5	10	800	.....	.....
		21	37	4423	\$47 50	\$3746 25
BALTIMORE.....	Baltimore	32	27	3454	\$3058 96	\$1167 22
	Carlisle	36	56	5546	1795 53	1108 33
	Concord	4	5	71	16 80	750 00
	Lewes	9	19	884	179 70	191 67
	Potomac.....	12	11	1115	501 99	572 92
		93	118	11070	\$5552 98	\$3790 14
BUFFALO	Buffalo City.....	12	7	706	\$494 99	\$75 00
	Genesee River.....	15	12	1386	469 37	158 33
	Ogdensburg.....	6	7	871	187 41	79 17
	Rochester City.....	14	11	2032	736 46	364 58
CHICAGO.....		47	37	4905	\$1888 23	\$677 08
	Bureau	22	23	1331	\$296 04	\$799 16
	Chicago	44	31	2474	426 28	2694 82
	Rock River.....	21	25	1720	382 83	1095 83
	Schuylerville.....	12	19	1402	211 25	402 29
	Warren.....	14	19	1485	348 85	150 00
		113	117	8412	\$1665 25	\$5142 10

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CINCINNATI.....	Chillicothe.....	22	32	3086	\$674 23	\$537 50
	Cincinnati.....	29	30	2882	1007 72
	Miami	22	22	2668	724 20	133 33
	Oxford	15	16	1397	319 51	43 75
	Sidney.....	17	21	2051	322 20	150 00
	Synodical .....	...	...	.....	.....	375 00
		105	121	12084	\$3047 87	\$1239 58
ILLINOIS	Bloomington.....	38	40	2274	\$544 43	\$1917 27
	Kaskaskia.....	18	27	1604	116 60	763 88
	Palestine	11	22	1394	144 95	443 75
	Peoria	23	22	2159	618 17	459 37
	Saline	14	26	1054	184 86	1290 00
	Sangamon	22	26	2218	479 31	329 16
		126	163	10703	\$2088 32	\$203 43
INDIANA	Indianapolis.....	16	14	1838	\$192 92	\$300 00
	Madison.....	11	14	940	209 15	250 21
	New Albany.....	10	24	1519	176 30	327 08
	Vincennes	16	20	1417	234 85	169 17
	White Water.....	10	18	1581	152 49	275 00
	Synodical .....	...	...	.....	38 00	375 00
		63	90	7295	\$1003 51	\$1726 46
IOWA.....	Cedar.....	20	29	1886	\$528 71	\$864 69
	Dubuque	20	32	1336	286 21	1521 94
	Fort Dodge.....	7	10	229	64 00	1574 58
	Frankville.....	6	10	345	63 00	718 58
	Vinton.....	14	24	999	145 87	1254 29
	Synodical .....	...	...	.....	.....	550 00
		67	105	4795	\$1057 79	\$406 08
KANSAS.....	Highland	7	7	326	\$5 00	\$689 38
	Leavenworth.....	9	13	615	86 05	2106 25
	Neosho	8	13	354	28 05	1127 90
	Santa Fé.....	3	1	37	100 00	1600 00
	Topeka.....	6	6	196	31 50	1193 75
		33	40	1528	\$250 60	\$6717 28
KENTUCKY	Ebenezer	9	35	1700	\$78 07	\$433 33
	Louisville.....	10	18	1560	118 50	562 50
	Muhlenburg.....	3	7	248	5 00	200 00
	Paducah.....	3	10	355	34 50	.....
	Transylvania	13	15	1059	1249 05	350 00
	West Lexington.....	5	33	514	461 60	608 33
	Synodical .....	...	...	.....	.....	1500 00
		43	118	5436	\$1946 72	\$3654 16
MISSOURI	Lafayette	11	14	573	\$100 05	\$1852 50
	Palmyra	11	17	638	162 40	2361 66
	Potosi.....	10	17	482	50 50	670 83
	St. Louis.....	25	24	1964	363 35	1563 75
	S. W. Missouri.....	6	11	311	106 90	1386 80
	Upper Missouri.....	8	24	713	260 95	1785 71
	Synodical .....	...	...	.....	.....	1740 00
		71	107	4681	\$1055 15	\$11,361 25
NASHVILLE.....	Holston.....	5	5	346	\$65 00	\$1118 75
	Nashville	6	2	122	117 76	1650 00
	New Orleans.....	6	3	184	103 50	1000 98
		17	10	652	\$286 26	\$3769 73
NEW YORK.....	Connecticut	28	20	2000	\$1487 49	\$7 29
	Hudson	23	22	2625	631 12	200 00
	Long Island.....	24	22	3097	509 42	343 75
	Nassau.....	32	23	4015	1786 11	1253 33
	New York.....	63	33	6478	37222 55	2805 55
	New York 2d.....	21	17	2397	1672 48	200 00
	North River.....	19	15	2217	1059 51
		210	152	22829	\$44,368 68	\$4814 92

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NEW JERSEY.....	Burlington	11	14	1134	\$928 20	\$23 44
	Corisco	5	2	78	21 00
	Elizabethtown	29	17	3235	1443 15
	Luzerne	30	29	3096	1687 64	1210 51
	Monmouth	14	13	1794	540 30	441 88
	New Brunswick	44	22	5234	2166 00	275 00
	Newton	31	27	3970	158 74	146 66
	Passaic	31	18	3417	1895 26	200 00
	Raritan	17	18	2054	908 65	100 00
	Susquehanna	14	21	1111	313 15	254 17
	West Jersey	24	27	2835	1820 64	733 33
		250	208	27958	\$13,232 73	\$3685 00
NORTHERN INDIANA.....	Crawfordsville	13	18	1562	\$276 30	\$278 50
	Fort Wayne	15	31	1561	406 35	973 90
	Lake	10	15	1224	229 57	595 83
	Logansport	13	23	1543	310 53	241 67
	Muncie	11	14	963	49 35	583 33
	Synodical .....	...	...	.....	.....	375 00
		62	101	6863	\$1268 10	\$3057 23
OHIO.....	Columbus	17	20	1714	\$411 76	.....
	Hocking	5	14	718	82 00	\$433 33
	Marion	18	29	1923	246 23	185 97
	Richland	21	30	2641	425 79	46 88
	Woo-ster	22	22	2094	532 23	83 33
	Zanesville	25	32	3107	544 28	211 67
	Synodical .....	...	...	.....	110 62	375 00
		108	147	12197	\$2352 91	\$1336 18
PACIFIC.....	Benicia	13	9	251	\$126 90	\$910 41
	California	15	7	1068	51 00	1379 17
	Oregon	8	9	302	64 30	1645 00
	Puget Sound .....	...	...	.....	11 50	400 00
	Stockton	8	9	278	56 00	1100 00
	Synodical .....	...	...	.....	40 00	.....
		44	34	1899	\$349 70	\$5434 58
PHILADELPHIA.....	Donegal	23	27	3828	\$1299 14	\$108 82
	Huntingdon	42	52	6810	2800 67	397 04
	New Castle	31	27	4255	1455 12	208 75
	Northumberland	31	44	4251	1541 85	752 36
	Philadelphia	36	22	5324	4633 55	213 88
	Philadelphia Central	34	15	4153	3340 87	580 55
	Philadelphia Second	40	32	3851	4271 23	863 67
	Shanghai	3	1	47	30 09	.....
	Synodical .....	...	...	.....	187 71	.....
		240	220	32519	\$19,560 23	\$3184 57
PITTSBURGH.....	Blairsville	23	25	3447	\$1037 31	\$100 00
	Clarion	13	28	2549	403 81	500 00
	Ohio	40	38	6202	4199 34	750 00
	Redstone	17	25	2885	1271 23	185 42
	Saltsburg	25	38	4748	1299 11	236 45
		118	154	19831	\$8210 80	\$1771 87
ST. PAUL.....	Chippewa	10	16	596	\$197 27	\$1926 38
	St. Paul	20	22	868	540 88	3238 75
	Southern Minnesota	18	23	587	153 65	3006 25
	Synodical .....	...	...	.....	.....	1379 95
		48	61	2051	\$891 80	\$9551 33
SANDUSKY.....	Findlay	14	26	1716	\$211 65	\$515 17
	Maumee	10	14	764	79 26	1195 83
	Michigan	10	12	713	299 76	809 37
	Western Reserve	7	9	521	97 71	158 33
		41	61	3714	\$688 38	\$2678 70

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SOUTHERN IOWA.....	Des Moines.....	11	20	1151	\$197 15	\$1283 33
	Fairfield	17	26	1496	202 67	662 97
	Iowa.....	15	19	1478	548 19	700 21
	Missouri River.....	15	20	816	362 75	2481 25
	Synodical.....	...	...	.....	.....	550 00
		58	85	4941	\$1310 76	\$5677 76
WHEELING.....	New Lisbon.....	17	31	3030	\$360 43	\$137 50
	Steubenville.....	26	41	4281	1487 06	371 98
	St. Clairsville.....	25	34	4011	563 81	122 22
	Washington.....	29	37	6016	1850 72	566 04
	West Virginia.....	9	22	1276	247 04	1451 25
		106	165	18614	\$1509 16	\$2648 99
WISCONSIN	Dane	13	21	943	\$189 88	\$887 50
	Milwaukee	11	13	1252	379 01	350 00
	Winnebago.....	19	21	1136	337 43	2314 23
	Synodical.....	...	...	.....	.....	664 03
		43	55	3331	\$906 32	\$4215 76

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN JULY, 1869.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Charlton ch 14. *Pby of Londonderry*—Londonderry ch 50 35. *Pby of Mohawk*—Smithville Flats ch 12 71. *Pby of Troy*—Second Street ch, Troy 275 64 \$352 70

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Rich Hill ch 14. *Pby of Beaver*—Rev D L Dickey 5 19 00

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Carlisle*—Clear Spring ch, from “Four Locks” 6 50. *Pby of Potomac*—Falls ch 7 13 50

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Genesee River*—Sparta 1st ch 10. *Pby of Ogdensburg*—Morristown ch 22 32 00

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Chicago*—North ch, Chicago, add'l 45. *Pby of Schuyler*—Basco ch 3 48 00

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Chillicothe 1st ch 30. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Montgomery ch 29 59 00

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Saline*—Odin ch 5; Pisgah ch 10 40 15 40

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Dubuque*—Bellevue ch Sab-sch 5; Dubuque 1st ch 23 40. *Pby of Fort Dodge*—Algona ch 2 50 30 90

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Neosho*—Jacksonville ch 3 25

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Louisville*—Louisville 4th ch 50 00

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Lafayette*—High Point ch 8 00

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Elizabethtown*—W H 5; Rahway 2d ch Sab-sch 29 95. *Pby of Luzerne*—Wilkesbarre ch, add'l 219. *Pby of Monmouth*—Red Bank ch 35. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Towanda ch, quarterly collection 54 60 343 55

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Thompsonville 1st ch Sab-sch 70. *Pby of New York*—Throg's Neck ch 10; Chelsea ch 16 10 96 10

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Logansport*—Rossville ch 11 75

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Marion*—Cardington ch 8, of which 3 from the pastor. *Pby of Richland*—Bellevue ch 3 10. *Pby of Wooster*—Mount Eaton ch 14 25 25 35

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Oregon*—Brownsville ch 23 25

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Huntingdon*—

Hollidaysburg ch 56 08, semi-annual collection of which 4 53 from Sab-sch. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Seventh ch, Philadelphia, annual collection for 1864, 316 25; 9th ch 17. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Cochcksink ch Sab-sch 81 25. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Doylestown ch 27 36; Chestnut Hill ch 155; Holmesburg ch Sab-sch 17 669 9

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Ohio*—Rev W Taylor 25. *Pby of Redstone*—Mount Pleasant ch 33 32. *Pby of Saltsburg*—Marion ch 4 20; Cherry Tree ch 12 40; Apollo ch 49 43 129 3

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—Caldonia ch and sch 5. *Pby of S Minnesota*—Albert Lea ch 10 15

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Michigan*—Plain mouth 1st ch 19

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Marion ch 12 30. *Pby of Steubenville*—Evan Creek ch 3 90; Minerva ch 10. *Pby of Washington*—Wheeling 1st ch 48 03; Wheeling 2d ch 10 174

Total received from churches, \$2,139

LEGACIES.—Legacy of Miss Margaret Latimer late of Philadelphia, 6000, and interest 120 6120; Legacy of Miss Julia A Stoner, late of Da ville, Pa, 50, less taxes 5 50 = 44 50; Estate Mrs Jane McClure, late of Allegheny Co, 166 67; Estate of Miss Margaret Coulter, late Greensburg, Pa 100 \$6431

MISCELLANEOUS.—“Friends in Illinois” 100; M E Townsend, Painted Post, N Y 15; Rev C Campbell, Denver City, Col 5; J J Turner, Lewing's, Ohio 25; M F W 3; Interest 132 30; M Lizzie Corbett Strattonville, Pa 1; Mrs Aus Rogers, Cape Vincent, N Y 3; “D,” interior Pennsylvania 10 294

Total Receipts in July, 1869, \$8,865

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTEOUS, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me,
But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee?
In tithes and offerings.
Ye are cursed with a curse;
For ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.
Bring ye all the tithes into the store house,
That there may be meat in my house,
And prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts,
If I will not open you the windows of heaven,
And pour you out a blessing,
That there shall not be room enough to receive it.”—MAL. iii. 8-10

Christian Stewardship.

I. WHAT IT IS.

There is a chapter of the New Testament which treats of it: the 16th of Luke. The lessons of the chapter are, that there is a Master who entrusts us with his goods; He expects a return in proportionate measure, to be multiplied according to His gifts; He hath prospered us; those who waste His goods will be called to give an account of their stewardship; the devices of dishonest servants should teach those who are faithful to be earnest in preparing to meet and render their account; the wise use of property on earth may enable us to make friends who, when heart and flesh shall fail, will welcome us in the everlasting home above; the true riches of holiness and joy will be measured, in God's administration, by our fidelity in the service of those of earth and sense; there are two great motives which rule the hearts of mankind, the love of God and the love of money and property; the covetous pride of the conduct of sincere followers of Christ in holding up these motives as compatible; but God will judge the heart, by a law which will not fail when the heaven and the earth pass away; those who fare sumptuously every day will wake from their delusion in hell; better is the poverty which lies in rags at their door, and is licked by the dogs, if it be that of a child of Abraham, who, by faith, left the inheritance of his fathers, and went out at God's command, not knowing whither he went; and to these things Moses and the prophets are a sufficient witness, which could not be made more solemn though one rose from the dead. The central theme of the chapter is the solemn precept, "Ye cannot serve God and Mammon."

There are many other passages which teach its nature, its importance, and its punishment. There are many ordinances of the Old Testament which show the mind of God as to its extent and obligations. There are many great duties laid on the Christian Church, connected with teaching every creature whatsoever that is risen Master hath commanded us, which by no human possibility can be performed until there is a total reformation of the spirit of covetousness, which now binds with chains of iron the hands and feet of the Church, and is an abomination in the sight of God.

A comprehensive study of the teaching of the Bible with regard to the nature

of Christian stewardship would show that its leading features (as stated in the "Semi-centenary Review" of the Principles and Work of the Board of Education, which has recently been distributed to the ministry and sessions of the Church for perusal and circulation), are something like the following:

I. In respect to individual members: "each one" owes to God,

1. The devotion of a regular proportion of the income; which, by the law of love, and of far greater obligation and claims than existed under the Old Dispensation, ought to be not less than one-tenth, and as much greater a proportion as God in his good providence enables.

2. The habitual bestowment of liberal gifts for religious uses; as acknowledgments of God's acts of mercy to the soul and the body, to the household, to the Church, and to the land.

3. Private prayer in the setting apart of these appropriations as to the sum, and as to the uses of them; and the personal offering of them, on the first day of the week, at the house of God.

II. In respect to the Church: there is required,

1. From the pulpit, and through the official channels, sufficient practical information and instruction, the fuel on which the energy of the machine very much depends.

2. The condemnation of the sins arising from covetousness; which is the Christian violation of the second commandment, and "the root of all evil."

3. Ecclesiastical provision for efficiently collecting the contributions of Christians; especially (1) the placing of deacons at the door of the place of worship to receive them each Sabbath, and (2) energetic successive supervision of the whole subject by the Church from the lowest to the highest court of it, in the session the presbytery, the synod, and the General Assembly, by appropriate committees in each of them.

4. The establishment of chairs of Evangelistic Theology in our theological seminaries, for the special and thorough instruction of candidates for the ministry—as to the doctrine, commands, and examples of the word of God which relate to the practical obligations of the Church and its membership to the young, to the unconverted, and to those outside of its pale; the ends and uses of the property entrusted to believers; the structure and work of the Boards of the Presbyteries; the duties of pastors and other officers of the Church, and the general objects and fields of employment, which look to the leavening of society and the world with the leaven of salvation.

That glorious light of salvation which God is so wonderfully now, year by year making to shine more and more clearly and widely towards the approaching perfect day, it cannot be doubted will also make more plain much in relation to the collection and employment of money and property in practical benevolence, or rather to "*Christian stewardship*," as it might better be called, which is yet obscure to the eyes of the Church. But the steps indicated above seem plain, and an advance thus far would be of advantage to religion beyond our power to calculate. The benefits of the working of this simple scriptural system, or "order," (1 Cor. xvi. 1) have been so great to our own Church in the limited and partial working of it thus far, and have been so much more conspicuous in the Free Church of Scotland, which has employed most of its features, that we would be within bounds in saying that its complete and vigorous operation, in the power it would give to the Church for good in all the broad harvest-field of earth, would introduce a new Reformation and expansion of the Christian religion.

II. OUR PRESENT DUTY.

"*To do!*" With what emphasis the Divine Founder of the Christian Church urged the necessity of *action*. First we must have faith in Him and knowledge; but these are only the preparation for the reception of the power which the Holy Ghost is ready to pour through them into us, and through us into a thousand channels of mercy and blessing to suffering man. "Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and *doeth* them, *I will liken him unto a wise man:*" "every one that heareth these sayings of mine and *doeth* them *not*, shall be likened unto a foolish man." "The Scribes and Pharisees say, and do not." He illustrates the necessity of action by many forcible figures. "He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit." "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit." "By their fruits ye shall know them." The Bible is full of this. "He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root; *Israel* (compare Isaiah xxvii. 6, with Genesis xxxii. 28) shall *fill the face of the world with fruit.*" "Ye are the light of the world—let your light shine before men." "Ye are the salt of the earth." "Every sacrifice shall be salted with salt." "If the salt have lost its savor (power), it is good for nothing." "Pure religion" consists in *doing* what Christ commands, and what Christ showed to do by His example.

The most earnest attention of every minister and church member should be given to this necessity at the present time. God's wonderous providences; the wants of a world open to the publication of the gospel; the circumstances of the Church; the multiplied temptations to evil; the opportunities which *our* Church and *our* land enjoy to do good; their dangers and their hopes—all call upon us to rouse ourselves to new exertions in behalf of the kingdom of Christ.

To action in other forms many professors may find difficulties or objections. But to give money is in the power of every one, young or old, poor or rich, male or female. There is not one who cannot give something. Paul therefore enjoins "each one" to lay by a share of his income, be it talents, pounds, or pence. And this is to be done weekly, (1 Corinthians xvi. 1, 2,) as the easiest, surest, most effective way of securing contributions.

Our Church has taken this duty in hand with vigour. The General Assembly at Cincinnati appointed the Secretaries of its several Boards and Committees a special committee, the Rev. Dr. Irving chairman, to report a definite plan. This report was presented at the General Assembly at New York. Its suggestions were incorporated in a report by a committee of that Assembly, through the Rev. Dr. Imbrie. We see now the final result in a paper which has just been published in all the newspapers of the Church, which we most earnestly commend to every pastor, elder, and communicant, male and female.

What "each one" ought to attempt to do, at the very least, and what scarcely one is so poor that he cannot do, is presented in a simple, practical form. The Committee deserves the thanks of the Church for their report. It is a valuable beginning of what the Church intends, we hope, to sincerely and energetically undertake for the future. It remains now chiefly with the pastors and sessions, in each congregation, heartily to do each, in the love of Christ, the part which belongs to them. We present the table which states the amounts required by the several Boards, the allotments to synods, and "the rate" per week which each member ought to reach, but which ought to be a minimum that many can far excel.

Synods.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Education.	Publication.	Church Extension.	Disabled Ministers.	Committee Freedmen.	Total.	Rate per week for member for the total, after deducting one-tenth of the membership.
Albany.....	\$12,273	\$6,545	\$2,000	\$2,560	\$2,700	\$1,737	\$1,850	\$29,665	\$3.04 per member, about 6 ets
Allegheny....	9,600	4,503	1,500	450	2,500	1,250	1,357	21,000	1.76 " " 3½ "
Baltimore ...	20,000	7,849	2,900	1,556	3,500	2,500	2,664	40,963	2.96 " " 5½ "
Buffalo.....	4,000	2,640	500	539	800	570	682	9,731	2.06 " " 4 "
Chicago.....	5,510	2,344	800	1,241	1,750	800	850	13,295	1.81 " " 3½ "
Cincinnati....	8,710	4,269	2,000	2,166	2,000	1,290	1,450	21,885	2.08 " " 4 "
Illinois.....	6,113	2,916	1,000	1,137	1,650	870	956	14,636	1.62 " " 3¼ "
Indiana.....	3,603	1,440	700	546	800	471	530	8,047	1.25 " " 2½ "
Iowa.....	2,077	1,517	300	419	600	334	383	5,621	1.29 " " 2½ "
Kansas.....	400	300	50	32	50	59	66	957	1.05 " " 2 "
Kentucky....	5,000	2,724	400	2,507	600	741	850	12,822	2.10 " " 4 "
Missouri....	3,600	1,477	350	588	1,600	534	600	8,749	1.50 " " 3 "
Nashville ...	300	400	100	20	50	58	61	989	1.56 " " 3 "
New Jersey..	34,000	20,620	6,000	4,624	6,000	5,500	6,200	82,941	3.28 " " 6½ "
New York....	68,400	59,000	14,000	12,600	20,000	10,000	12,682	196,082	9.71 " " 19 "
Nor. Indiana.	3,333	1,800	500	672	670	471	538	7,984	1.37 " " 2½ "
Ohio.....	7,100	3,300	1,100	1,409	2,080	1,000	1,190	17,170	1.60 " " 3 "
Pacific.....	2,160	500	150	568	450	255	285	4,368	2.64 " " 5 "
Philadelphia...	36,000	27,470	6,000	5,500	5,500	5,585	6,200	92,255	3.60 " " 7 "
Pittsburgh...	20,000	11,700	3,500	1,300	4,500	2,857	3,110	46,967	2.67 " " 5 "
St. Paul.....	1,350	1,260	300	436	500	267	350	4,483	2.94 " " 5½ "
Sandusky....	1,067	1,000	250	360	600	250	285	3,812	1.15 " " 2½ "
Sou. Iowa....	2,000	1,800	350	303	500	334	381	5,669	1.42 " " 3 "
Wheeling....	11,730	6,400	2,000	1,814	4,000	2,000	2,136	30,090	1.87 " " 3½ "
Wisconsin....	1,667	1,275	250	2·0	60 ⁰	267	350	4,659	1.62 " " 3¾ "
	270,000	175,000	47,000	43,000	64,000	40,000	46,000	685,000	

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN JULY, 1869.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

Pby of Albany—Broadalbin ch	\$10 00	Pby of Saltsburg—Saltsburg ch	\$37 42
Pby of Baltimore—Harmony ch	34 16	Pby of Schuyler—Bardolph ch	6 00
Pby of Blairsville—Blairsville ch	80; Beulah ch 25 51; Congruity ch	Pby of St Louis—Kirkwood ch	42 30
34 60	140 11	Pby of Susquehanna—Towanda 1st ch	9 10
Pby of Cedar—Mt Vernon ch 5; 1stch Davenport, of which 10 from Mrs Clausen 40	45 00	Pby of Troy—Woodside ch 6; Second St ch, Troy 150 32	156 32
Pby of Carlisle—Williamsport ch	7 50	Pby of Wooster—Jeromeville ch 4 70; Berlin ch 6	10 70
Pby of Chicago—North ch, Chicago	5 00		
Pby of Chillicothe—First ch Chillicothe	15 00	LEGACY.	\$2,351 51
Pby of Dubuque—First ch Bellevue	6 18	Estate of Margaret Latimer 3,500, interest 70, per Jas Bayard, Esq, executor	\$3,570 00
Pby of Elizabethtown—New Vernon ch 14; West- field ch, from Mrs Janden 40	54 00	MISCELLANEOUS.	
Pby of Fort Wayne—First ch Fort Wayne	62 50	Mary Vance, Washington, D C 5; Alexander Guy, M.D., Oxford, Ohio, special 60; Mrs Eliza E Townsend, Painted Post, N Y 5; "Friends in Ill" 100; Mrs Mary R Mitchell, Phila 5; Dan- ville 2; John Anderson, Anderson Mills, Pa 6; Rev W G Taylor, Water Cure, Pa 5; Interest on Means' Fund, in part 408	596 00
Pby of Genesee River—First ch Sparta	8 00		
Pby of Hudson—Monticello ch	13 00		
Pby of Huntingdon—Perryville ch 58; Hollis- daysburg ch, of which 4 65 from Sabbath-school 30 03	88 03		
Pby of Indianapolis—Lafayette ch, of which from Sab-sch 5 10	19 34		
Pby of Kaskaskia—M F W	3 00		
Pby of Lewes—Pitt's Creek ch	15 20		
Pby of Louisville—Bellaire ch	26 50		
Pby of Logansport—Rossville ch	2 00		
Pby of Mohawk—Oneida ch	62 45		
Pby of Missouri River—Sioux City ch	7 00		
Pby of New Castle—Fagg's Manor ch	23 75		
Pby of New Brunswick—First ch Cranberry	57 40		
Pby of North River—Bethlehem ch	32 12		
Pby of Newton—Newton ch	52 18		
Pby of Northumberland—Hartleton ch	4 00		
Pby of Philadelphia—Fourth ch Phila 50; 7th ch Phila, sundry collections 793 77	843 77		
Pby of Philadelphia 2d—Norristown 2d ch 3; Providence ch 20 50; Bristol ch 11 66; 1st ch Germantown 225 30	260 46		
Pby of Philadelphia Central—Central ch, Phila	96 64		
Pby of Richland—Belleville ch 85 ets; Orange ch 6 78; Hayesville ch 18 75	26 33		
Pby of St Clairsville—Bealsville ch 10; Powhatan ch 9	19 00		

II. FUND FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, &c.

Pby of West Lexington—Second ch Lexington, from Thos W Scott, M.D., special	50 00
Pby of Winnebago—Robinsonville ch	10 70
	\$6,517 51

Total amount acknowledged, \$6,578 21

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Recent Intelligence.

DEATH OF THE REV. THOMAS H. AMOS.—We learn with sincere regret the death of Mr. Amos, at Monrovia, July 10th. His health had been poor for some time, but his death was unexpected. The Rev. H. W. Erskine writes that “he was full of the hope of immortality. He said he was not afraid to die, the love of God had cast out fear.” Mr. Amos was a graduate of the Ashmun Institute. It is about ten years since he first went to Liberia. He was pastor of the church in Monrovia at the time of his death. He was held in great regard, as a man of excellent qualifications for usefulness in the service of Christ. His removal in the midst of his days, following so soon the deaths of Messrs. Mellville, Boeklen, and James—three of them being coloured men of the best character, and all of them being devoted to the work of missions, is a serious discouragement to the supporters of this work. In hardly any country are such labourers more needed. May others be soon raised up to supply their places!

ADMITTED TO THE COMMUNION OF THE CHURCH.—Among the Greeks, three persons—one of whom is a daughter of a native minister, formerly a missionary of the Board, who a few years ago entered into his rest;—at Chefoo, China, three persons—one of whom is from a place two hundred miles distant, but on a visit for business to the missionary station he heard the gospel preached, and was brought to Christ for salvation, as there is good reason to hope;—at Mynpurie, India, three persons were received as communicants, who were children of native Christians;—at Brotas, Brazil, two persons made a profession of their faith on the 1st of May, and three others would have done so but for sickness;—Mr. Lenington, of Brotas, on a visit to Panso Alegre, in the same province, administered the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper to fourteen communicants; they and their children, to the numbers of thirty-four persons, were previously baptized. “All of these,” Mr. Pires writes, “may properly be called one family. The principal man, aged sixty-nine, his wife, two sons, three daughters, two sons-in-law, one daughter-in-law. . . . It was pleasant to witness their simple faith and humble piety. This family has always enjoyed the respect and esteem of the neighbourhood, and may exert a good influence. Others show some interest.”

MOVEMENTS OF MISSIONARIES.—In the last *Record* it was mentioned that Mr. Mills and his family had left Tungchow on their visit to this country for health. They embarked at Shanghai, June 9th, returning *via* England.—The reference in the last *Record* to the proposed visit of the Rev. J. L. Nevius, D.D., to Tsinan fu, capital of the province of Shantung, was so printed as to read erroneously that he would be accompanied by his wife and Miss Patrick on this visit; the arrival of these missionaries at Tungchow was correctly stated. Dr. Nevius has since gone on the visit to Tsinan. Mrs. Nevius has taken charge of the school formerly under Mrs. Mills’ care.—Mr. Green and his family have arrived at Granville, Ohio—their post-office address, for the present.—J. C. Hepburn, M. D., has started on his return to Japan, expecting to take the steamer in September from San Francisco. We are glad to mention that his sight is much improved, so that he hopes to resume the work of translating the Scriptures into Japanese, and other missionary abours.

RECEIPTS IN MAY, JUNE, AND JULY:—\$29,729. In the same months, last year,

\$24,576. Total increase, \$5,153. This is made up, as follows: from churches, increase \$1,339; from legacies, increase \$2,564; from miscellaneous, increase \$1,249.

LETTERS RECEIVED TO AUGUST 16TH.--From Little Traverse, Chippewa, July 15th; Omaha, August 10th; Creek, July 5th; Navajo, July 10th; Yokohama, June 29th; Peking, June 3d; Tungehow, June 8th; Chefoo, May 17th; Shanghai, June 18th; Hangchow, June 11th; Canton, June 17th; Mynpurie, June 22d; Landour, June 22d; Dehra, June 24th; Lodiana, June 12th; Lahor, June 1st; Corisco, May 27th; Benita, May 15th; Monrovia, July 12th; Rio de Janeiro, June 24th; Sao Paulo, June 14th; Brotas, May 11; Bogota, June 17th.

"Foreign Missions: their Relations and Claims."

This is the title of a recent book by the Rev. R. Anderson, D.D., for many years the Senior Secretary of the American Board of Foreign Missions. It is published by Charles Scribner & Co., New York. We wish to commend it warmly to the attention of our readers. Its venerable author, by long and varied experience in the administration of the missions of the American Board, and by wide observation of the missions of other Boards, is qualified in an eminent degree to write on missionary subjects, and this book could have been written only by one thus qualified. It may be regarded as embodying the author's theory of the best way of conducting the work of missions, particularly as this work is developed in the missionary field; but the theoretical and the practical are combined, and it seems to us usually with great and good judgment.

The book is written mainly from a Congregational stand-point, so far as questions of church government are concerned, but the author's views are not presented in a controversial form, and sometimes rather underlie the current of remark than appear in a positive shape. It is not his object to discuss such questions, but they cannot be ignored in the practical work of giving the gospel to the heathen, any more than in building up churches at home. We may refer to the chapters on the "Development of the idea of the Christian Church," the "Characteristics of the Apostolic Church," "the Principles and Methods of Modern Missions," for views which either affirm or imply the Congregational idea of the church. No Presbyterian, we suppose, who understood his own system, could discuss these subjects without reaching the conclusion that the church as such is a divinely appointed missionary society, as shown by Scripture texts and examples. Some of these the respected author of this book quotes without drawing this inference from them, but we are persuaded this is their true meaning. Resting the work of missions, both in its warrant and in its general administration, on this sacred ground, we have the will of God in this matter as one of the main supports and encouragements in our Christian duty. See this theory admirably presented in Dr. Edward P. Humphrey's Sermon, in the *Foreign Missionary*, October, 1857.

We fully agree with the author as to the importance of "local churches," and we trust his varied and excellent instruction concerning them will be well considered, especially by our missionary brethren. But we would not make these churches "self-governing" in India or China, in any different sense from what is understood and practiced in the Presbyterian churches of our own country; the principles which should control the subject are the same in all countries. Greatly as the author's views are to be valued concerning these native churches, we could hardly join him in saying, "The first duty of a missionary is to gather such a church." Rather, his first and last duty is to preach the gospel. Then, when

the Holy Spirit has made the word effectual unto salvation, gather the converts into the church. As churches are multiplied, unite them in Presbyteries, abroad just as at home. Nor should we separate the foreign ministers from these Presbyteries. This is a point of much practical moment. "The ecclesiastical bodies for native churches and pastors should be exclusively for them; the missionaries sustaining only the relation of advisers;"—which, we respectfully submit, is to treat the latter as neither Presbyterian nor Congregational ministers, but *quasi* bishops, and virtually to separate them from presbyterial supervision, while it works to the serious disadvantage both of the foreign and native members of the mission—see this question considered in an article on the Superintendence of Foreign Missions, in the *Princeton Review*, a few years ago.

Before passing from these questions of church government in missions, we should quote the respected author's remark on page 159. "I should add that missionary societies and missions, though technically speaking not ecclesiastical bodies, have become (as has been elsewhere affirmed) a component part of the great modern structure of the Christian Church, as it is being organized under God's providence for the conversion of the world; and they should be permitted to sustain the responsibilities and perform the duties that are essential to the prosecution of the missionary work on the broad scale of the world." In accordance with this is the suggestion, in the next chapter, that Ecclesiastical and Voluntary Boards are on the same footing. We need not enter on this subject. Our old theory of the Church, as it is presented in our Presbyterian Standards, seems to us certainly well adapted to all missionary purposes, as we should expect from its being of divine warrant. The only proviso we need to make is, that it be moved and governed by the Spirit of Christ; and without this, no theory will work well. Referring to our method of reducing it to practice, however, we could wish that the business coming before our General Assembly should be so modified that the Assembly could devote *two or three days uninterruptedly* to the cause of Foreign Missions. This would enable this body to hear and consider reports from its Standing Committees, one on each of the great missionary fields, Africa, China, &c., as these are brought to the Assembly's attention by its Foreign Board. And we should be glad to see an equal amount of time given by the Assembly to the various Home Boards. Thus we should hope to gain all that is important in the large "Annual Meetings" and "Delegate Meetings" of other missionary bodies, so far as popular impression and influence are concerned; so far as everything else is concerned, we would exchange our General Assembly for no other leading agency in the work of missions.

If our space permitted, we should like to refer to the subject of education as presented in this book, on pages 113, 114. As a part of missionary work, it is here restricted to the children of the native churches mainly, if we correctly understand it. Its province seems to us broader, however, and if employed as a converting agency, when Providence permits, we think missionary schools are of very great value; yet the danger of their becoming schools chiefly of secular learning needs to be watched. The question of their use turns not a little on the door opened for them, and more on the motive and aim with which they are conducted. The same reason forbids our trying to controvert respectfully the author's opinion, that "no white man should join their missions," that is, missions in Africa. It is not a question of colour or race, but of talents, education, and grace, that should be considered here. Give us the same qualifications in a coloured man as in a white man, and give us a sufficient number of such well-qualified labourers, and all will go on well; but in the meantime, why should not white

missionaries as well as white merchants be found in Africa? As to the general subject which is often referred to in this book, the purely spiritual nature of the means to be employed in the work of missions, we have felt at times that the opinions expressed stand in some need of modification. We would not say that a missionary stationed among the Africans, for instance, was not at liberty to give them instruction as to a better way of clothing themselves or obtaining a support from the ground. Much depends in such cases on the leadings of Providence; and everything on the motives and aims of the missionary; especially should it be always clear that he was pursuing a disinterested course.

While thus referring to some things in regard to which we would respectfully dissent from the positions taken in this book, it gives us great pleasure to refer to the much greater number of subjects here discussed, which every reader will regard with approval and often with deep emotion. The chapters on "Missionary Life illustrated," "Hindrances at home," "Diffusion of Missions," "Success of Missions," &c., will be found to be full of interesting and valuable views and information; but our narrow limits preclude further notice of this truly valuable work.

In future editions we should be glad to see some topics discussed which are omitted in this, but which have no doubt engaged Dr. Anderson's attention; such as lectureships on missions in theological seminaries; the substitution of a call by missionary societies to ministers to become missionaries, instead of depending chiefly on volunteers; if young men are still to be mostly appointed as missionaries, the reasons for and against their going out unmarried, with the understanding that after four or five years, a visit home would be expected; how extensively should words of scripture be transferred rather than translated; how far, or in what cases, should candidates for the native ministry be educated in classes, or is it better that each should be trained for his great work by some one of the missionaries, for instance by his spiritual father; when should the foreign element be withdrawn from a mission, and the work left to the native brethren? On questions of this kind we know Dr. Anderson can write from stores of experience and knowledge rarely equalled. We trust he will long be spared, and enabled still to "bring forth fruit in old age."

We insert here an extract relating to the difficult but important subject of the *Children of Missionaries*.

How is it with the children of missionaries? I am probably better informed on this subject than any other person, and I approach it with pleasure. I speak of the children after they have been separated from their parents, and brought to this country for education.

In continental tropical regions, there are reasons in the climate why children should be sent home; but in general they may be safely retained there until about the age of twelve years, in which time the very important result is secured, if it ever is, of impressing the parental relation strongly upon the mind and heart of the child. There are various reasons, besides the climate, for sending the children home. By obtaining a part of their education here, they will be of far greater value as the probable successors of their parents in the missionary work. Indeed, a competent education for that service, or for any of the higher departments of a Christian life, cannot be well obtained either in India, or China; and when the time comes for a transfer to the parental home, the parents, though weeping over the sacrifice, are ready, out of love to their offspring, to welcome it as a boon.

The time for sending the children home rests wholly with the parents, as also does the choice of a guardian; for it is expected that the parental authority will always be delegated by the parent to some one in this country. The expenses of the voyage are usually met by the missionary society, which also makes an annual grant to the child of about one hundred dollars until eighteen years of age, when applied for by the guardian. As the missionary society sustains an equal relation

to all the returned children, and could not be at the expense of giving a liberal education to all, it is obviously precluded from making grants expressly for the education of any one at college. It aims to do just enough to enable and induce relatives and friends to do the rest. More than this would tend to defeat the object of sending the children home. A permanent fund raised for this purpose, which some have urged, besides being unnecessary, would be detrimental in various respects to the best interests of the children. A separate school for them, which some have strongly recommended, would be a calamity, since they ought by all means to be educated along with other boys and girls, along with the young men and women of their generation. Missionaries would generally, and with good reason, oppose such a separation and isolation of their children.

I have made considerable progress in obtaining positive information as to the results of this system. Answers have been received to one hundred and eighty-four printed circulars sent to returned children above twelve years of age, or to their guardians. The age of the oldest of these is now almost fifty years, and their places of residence, of course, it is not always easy to ascertain. The number of males was ninety-five, and of females eighty-nine. Of the ninety-five males, seventy-one were reported to be members of churches; and of the eighty-nine females, seventy-eight were thus reported. That is to say, one hundred and forty-nine of the one hundred and eighty-four were church members.

Although the Board has never made a single grant, so far as I recollect, expressly for a college education, for the reasons just stated, yet as many as fifty-one of the ninety-five males have received such an education, or are now receiving it; and thirty-one others are in academies, and believed to be generally preparing for college. That is to say, eighty-two of the ninety-five males are reported as having received, or as now receiving a liberal education; and thirteen of them have been or are now in the gospel ministry. Of the eighty-nine females, seventy-eight are reported as having received, or as now receiving, an education in academies or high schools; and thirteen of them are, or have been, wives of missionaries. And I believe that responses from those not heard from would vary but little from the reports already received.

These will probably be regarded as remarkable results, superior, perhaps, to what we should find on a similar inquiry into the circumstances and history of any other class of children in our country, and they are directly referable to the Providence and grace of God. How large a proportion of them we may number among the followers of the Lamb! How large a proportion receive the best education our country affords! And yet who is able to tell, in respect to most, in what manner all the expenses of their college or high school education have been met? We see clearly the hand of Him, who said, "Lo, I am with you always."

Good Notices of Creek Mission Work.

Mrs. Robertson, wife of the Rev. W. S. Robertson, sends us the following account under date of July 5th, at Tullahassee, Creek District, in the Indian Territory.

The communion season to which I referred was a very pleasant one; on account especially of our being permitted to see three confess their Saviour before men. A small number, it is true, yet there is joy among the angels of God over *one* sinner that repenteth. And over one of these three we rejoiced with peculiar joy, as we thought of her loved and honored father, who had so often sat at the table of the Lord with us in that room, or with tearful eyes and choking voice had besought hearers to

embrace that Saviour who had endured so much for them. I suppose I need not tell you, I refer to Rev. D. Winslett. The oldest of his two surviving daughters, a girl of about seventeen, was the youngest of the three. The next in age was another of our scholars, and daughter of one of our town "kings," and the third was the wife of one of our interpreters. This is the second church member's wife who has joined us since the year began. Several of our scholars were advised to wait longer before uniting with the church.

Last evening our monthly concert came again, when more than seventeen dollars were collected, and I could not but think how it would have interested and encouraged those who are praying and giving for us, to hear the remarks of Mr. S. Perryman, who is redeeming the promise he made when urging Mr.

R.'s return to the Greeks, to "help him with all his mind, and heart, and soul," if he should come. He spoke of the time when he visited the building during the war, when the country was despoiled by weapons of war, when this building was "tullahassee," desolated, and the room in which we were sitting a stable. How he climbed the stairs, and went from room to room finding nothing pleasant, where once the voice of prayer and sweet sounds of praise were heard, and wept over the desolation. He was sure that he had not prayed alone, that God would restore to them their scattered "teachers," and now the presence of the scholars with their teachers, enjoying the former blessings, gave proof that God answered prayer in which he rejoiced. He then referred to remarks made by Mr. Worcester, urging the scholars to begin helping in the missionary work, by first giving themselves to Jesus, and then trying, during vacation, to lead their friends to love Him too.

I said Mr. P. is redeeming his promise to help. His home is ten miles from us, yet he came a few weeks ago on purpose to attend a prayer-meeting, and returned immediately, as "the flies" would not allow his riding in the daytime. Both he and his brother, Thomas, are true helpers in our work, and greatly strengthen our hands.

We pray that God may put it into the hearts of some to join us, who shall also be "true helpers," and may so open the hearts of Christians, that the Board need have no more fears but that all who are willing to labour can be supported.

Continued Encouragement at Chefoo, China.

The Rev. H. Corbett in former letters was permitted to report happy results of missionary work in his field of labour. In a letter dated May 17th, at Chesoo, he mentions similar examples. We insert here a part of this letter.

Nearly six months since a man living more than two hundred miles in the interior came to Chefoo on business; passing the chapel, he entered, as he says, from curiosity. He listened attentively, and became interested at once in the truth. He remained after sermon to make further inquiries. He said his conscience told him that the gospel was true. He resolved to become a Chris-

tian. He has been coming daily since as an inquirer. We trust he is one of God's chosen ones. He was baptized last Sabbath. He has long been anxious to be baptized, that he might return to tell his family and friends of the Saviour. His mother is nearly eighty years of age. He says he prays for her continually that she may be spared to believe and be saved. Two men were baptized a month since. There are several others anxious about their souls.

The *free will offering* from the Presbytery of Clarion, for chapels at Chefoo, has given us much joy, coming as it did, wholly unsolicited.

This has enabled us to secure a suitable building for a chapel at a large town thirty miles distant, in the district of Che Hea. Two men from that place are now with us, apparently sincere inquirers. One of them has lost his wife and children. Two years ago the rebels burnt his house and destroyed most of his property. He has long been praying to his idols either to take his life or give him peace of mind. Possibly this has been God's plan for preparing him to receive the gospel. The town in which the chapel is situated is surrounded by a rich country and many valleys. A market is held there every fifth day. It is estimated that not unfrequently ten thousand people assemble on that day. This makes it an important centre for missionary work. The people of that district are industrious and are removed from much of the evil influence of the large cities.

Two months ago one of our church members came on foot nearly eighty miles to attend communion. He is seventy-six years of age. He has since been taken ill, and is apparently on his death-bed. When asked about himself he invariably replies, "I am well." He says he believes and trusts in Jesus as his Saviour; why should he fear? that he has no desire to remain longer in this world, and rejoices that heaven is so near. His calmness and joy in view of death seem to be exerting a powerful influence on the Christians and others here. It is most cheering and comforting to hear him express his strong and child-like faith in Jesus. He seems to spend all his waking hours in prayer and thanksgiving to God.

We were rejoiced to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Nevius on their return to Shantung. We trust that God will long spare them to labour in China. Mr. Mills and family have recently left us on their return to America. God has

greatly blessed their labours in Shantung. We hope they may be permitted to return to their field of labour at an early day.

Report of a New Out-Station in China.

We take the following extract from a letter of the Rev. S. Dodd, of the Ningpo Mission, written at Hangchow, June 11th. Our readers will mark the rumours often circulated in China to hinder the work of the missionaries. In the end, this will cease; but in the meantime, missionaries and native Christians are in need of guidance, protection, and help—all to be obtained from on high by prayer and supplication.

We have just commenced a new out-station in the Ziao-hying plain about thirty miles from here. I went over last week for the purpose of visiting the other station, and also administering the Lord's Supper, on Sabbath, at the new place, where there are a few professing Christians. The place is a large village named Kagjiao. The chapel was crowded during the service; though this is very seldom, perhaps, a sign of more than mere curiosity on the part of the audience in a new place. On consultation with Mr. Yi Zong-foh, the assistant in charge, it was thought better not to attempt to administer the Supper. There have been a great many *Yiao-yin*, i.e., false reports, circulated there about our going; the usual lies about our taking out babies' eyes and hearts, etc.; about our giving people medicines to make them "enter the religion," had been set afloat there as elsewhere. After some threatening demonstrations had been made we applied to the magistrate in the neighbouring city of Ziao-hying; he informed

the people that the opposition to the preaching of the gospel must cease, and that the rumors that were circulated to our hurt were altogether false. This quieted the opposition for a time; but in a few days it assumed a new form. A letter was put into the chapel one night purporting to come from an idol in the neighbourhood, of which letter I send you herewith a translation:

"Bah, the Flying Dragon, prince of the armies clothed in white, in obedience to the commands of Yuh-hwang (the Supreme), has descended to the earth to destroy (you) the minion of the foreign slaves. In a former reign, on account of the weakness (of the emperor), the presence of the foreigners was permitted; and now they are found everywhere deceiving the people to enter their religion. In this celebrated place you are also promulgating your opinions. My original intention was to destroy both the foreign slaves and (you), their parasite; but as I do not desire to destroy you without warning, I will bear with you seven days that you may remove from here to the foreign country; if you do not remove, but remain when the eighth day has arrived, and my legions are present, your repentance will be too late. I thus give the requisite warning that the foreign slaves and their parasite may know."

Of course, no one could say that the gods of the heathen were not humane, after having read such a notification. The "Flying Dragon's" clemency, however, was presumed on, and his warning was disregarded. Mr. Yi remained at his post, and even on the eighth day his godship and legions remained at theirs, and there has been no serious disturbance there since. But as it was thought better not to afford even the possibility of adding to the rumor about foreigners giving medicine to the Chinese for wicked purposes, I came away after the sermon.

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<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Milford Centre ch 6; Mt Gilead ch 3 50	9 50	<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Upper Buffalo ch 24 03; Wheeling 1st ch 38 75; Unity ch 7 45; West Alexandria ch 43 55	113 78
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Springfield 2d ch	75 00	<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Greenwich ch	50 00
<i>Pby of Michigan</i> —Woodhull ch 3; Westminster (Detroit) ch 30 67	33 67	<i>Pby of West Virginia</i> —Morgantown ch	6 82
<i>Pby of Milwaukee</i> —Janesville ch 15 60; Waukesha 1st ch 11 20	26 80	<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Canal Fulton ch 8 57; Berlin ch 5	13 57
<i>Pby of Muncie</i> —Indianapolis 1st ch	29 41		
<i>Pby of New Albany</i> —German (Jackson Co) ch	5 00		
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Red Clay Creek ch	16 00		
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Forty-second St ch New York	60 00		
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Upper Mt Bethel ch	5 00		

MISCELLANEOUS.
 "E." Portage City, Wis 10; E E Townsend, Painted Post, N Y 5; Friends in Ill 100; Anonymous, Chatham, Mass 2; N D S 50 cts; Margaret Latimer, Phila, legacy and int 510 627 50
 \$2,612 49
 WINTHROP SARGENT, Treasurer.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Corresponding Secretary, Rev. H. R. WILSON, D.D.

Treasurer, DAVID KEITH, St. Louis, Mo.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION IN JULY, 1869.

Total receipts for July \$6589 84.	
Pby of Des Moines—Osceola ch 8; Albion ch 11 70	\$19 70
Pby of Allegheny—Plain Grove ch 22; Scrub Grass ch 10; Centre ch 17; New Salem ch 10; Worthington ch 12; Glade Run ch 8	79 00
Pby of Zanesville—Salem Ger ch, special	16 06
Pby of Warren—Good Hope ch 5; Young America ch 5 50; Altona ch 5; John Knox ch 6 50; Prairie City ch 6; Monmouth ch 36 75	64 75
Pby of Saltsburg—Bethesda ch 6 50; Pine Run ch 8 60; Rural Valley ch 20 85; Elderton ch 14 40	50 35
Pby of Beaver—Pulaski ch 12; Unity ch 32; Hopewell ch 5 30; Westfield ch 29 90; West Middlesex ch 9; Mahoning ch 23 75	111 95
Pby of Clarion—New Rehoboth ch 88; Perry ch 6 65; Leatherwood ch 7 65; Clarion ch 14; Elkton ch 4; Brookville ch 14	53 18
Pby of Redstone—Sewickley ch 7 90; McKeesport ch 20 50; Long Run ch 20	48 40
Pby of Washington—Mt Prospect ch 16 75; Fairview ch 8 55; Moundsville ch 11; Forks of Wheeling ch 65	101 30
Pby of Susquehanna—Meshoppen ch 5; Orwell ch 3; Canton ch 12	20 00
Pby of Erie—Franklin ch 20; Georgetown ch 12; Fairfield ch 9; Sturgeonville ch 8; 2d ch Mercer 14	63 00
Pby of Blairstown—Wilkinsburg ch 15 58; Armagh ch 8; Centreville ch 6; New Alexandria ch 60 28; do Sab-ch 12 60	102 46
Pby of Allegheny City—Pine Creek ch, special 6 77; Sharpsburg ch, special 26 76; Industry ch, special 6; Highlands ch, special 9 87; Manchester ch, special 16 31	65 71
Pby of Lake—Valparaiso ch	14 15
Pby of Rock River—Sterling ch 40 95; Middle Creek ch 18; Morrison ch 22 43	81 38
Pby of Logansport—Wea ch 10 10; Monticello ch 4; Logansport ch 28 65; Rossville ch 7; Lexington ch 14; Frankfort ch 7 90	71 65
Pby of St Paul—Dundas ch 2 65; Forest ch 4 85; Hudson ch 5; St Anthony ch 11 70	24 20
Pby of Schuyler—Pittsfield Mission ch 6 50; Camp Creek ch 13 20; Carthage ch 15 97; Ebenezer ch 19	54 67
Pby of Indianapolis—Union ch 8 63; 5th ch Indianapolis 5; Acton ch 7; Knightstown ch 15 50	36 13
Pby of Fairfield—Ottumwa ch 6 50; Birmingham ch 13 63; Salina ch 3 15; North Fairfield ch 2 85; Bloomfield ch 3 50	29 63
Pby of Marion—York ch 5; Bucyrus ch 15; MILFORD Centre ch 6	26 00
Pby of Cedar—Mechanicsville ch 11 50; Cedar Rapids ch 9; Red Oak ch 9; Wilton and Sugar Creek chs 17 95; Herman ch 16; Fulton ch 6; Mt Vernon ch 5; Blue Grass ch 4; Summit ch 14	92 09
Pby of Carlisle—Shippensburg ch 25 82; Emmitsburg ch 8 95; Piney Creek ch 10 80; Green Castle ch 31 25; Middle Spring ch 24; 2d ch Carlisle 118 27	219 09
Pby of Vincennes—Petersburg ch 4 70; Evansville ch 10 30; 2d ch Vincennes 14 25	35 25
Pby of Dubuque—Bellevue ch 9 10; Sherril's Mount ch 10; Byron Centre ch 2 50; Liberty ch 2; Zion ch 2 75; Epworth ch 3 25	29 60
Pby of Bloomington—Union Grove ch 4 60; Farm Ridge ch 17 40; Clinton ch 18 56; Clinton Sab-ch 4 68; Eureka ch 11 35; Paxton ch 6 28; El Paso ch 8	70 87
Pby of St Louis—First ch St Charles	10 60
Pby of Wooster—Millersburg ch 5 37; West Salem ch 6 25; Congress ch 7 75; Canal Fulton ch 7 67; Berlin ch 5	32 04
Pby of Vinton—Newton ch 30; Toledo ch 4 47; Salem ch 15; Vinton ch 10; Central ch 7 20; Rock Creek ch 11 14	77 81
Pby of Sidney—Union City ch 9; do, add'l 3; West Liberty ch 8 45; Turtle Creek ch 2 25	22 70
Pby of Huntingdon—Pine Grove ch 9; Snow Shoe ch 2 75; Bedford ch 25; Moshanon ch 2 35; Birmingham ch 28 50; Spruce Creek ch 8 40; Logan's Valley ch 12; Tyrone ch 19 25; Clearfield ch 15 25; Milesburg ch 25 90	20 49
Pby of Bureau—Edgington ch 8; Coal Valley ch 6; Calvary ch 7; Pleasant Ridge ch 2 50; Camden ch 9 70; do Sab-sch 10 30	43 50
Pby of Troy—First ch Stillwater 17 36; Troy Second St ch 131 53; Woodside ch 11	159 89
Pby of Winnebago—Oxford ch 5; Kilbourne City ch 15 60; Weyauwega ch 3 25	23 85
Pby of Northumberland—Hartleton ch 5 90; Mifflinburg ch 13 65	19 55
Pby of West Virginia—Parkersburg ch 13 34; Morgantown ch 12	25 34
Pby of Ebenezer—Maysville ch	26 75
Pby of Michigan—Grand Rapids ch 17; Westminster ch, Detroit 37 67; Plymouth ch 5	59 67
Pby of Ogdensburg—Second ch Oswegatchie 12; Hammond ch 22	34 00
Pby of Albany—Mariaville ch 9; Galway ch 5; Carlisle ch 10; Esperance ch 5; Broadalbin ch 6; Tribes Hill ch 8 40; Amsterdam ch 6 60; Gloversville ch 15 54	65 54
Pby of St Clairsville—New Athens ch 5 70; Rock Hill ch 7 36; Concord ch 18; Bethel ch 5	36 06
Pby of Long Island—Sweet Hollow ch 3 40; Seatauket ch 10; Middletown ch 14 49; Huntington South ch 12	39 89
Pby of Elizabethtown—New Vernon ch 14; Lexington ch 12	22 00
Pby of Crawfordsville—Bethany ch 8 50; Crawfordsville ch 7; Eugene ch 4 50; Lebanon ch 7	27 00
Pby of Milwaukee—Waukesha ch 11 21; Janesville ch 25 63	36 84
Pby of Nassau—Wallabout ch	12 00
Pby of Fort Wayne—Millersburgh ch 4; Ligonier ch 2; Bluffton ch 3 70; New Lancaster ch 1 60	11 30
Pby of Ohio—Shady Side ch	77 00
Pby of Chillicothe—Red Oak ch 23; South Salem ch 9 75; Bloomingburg ch 15; 1st ch Chillicothe 15	62 75
Pby of Columbus—First ch Lancaster 8; Blendon ch 21	29 00
Pby of Iowa—Wapello ch	4 05
Pby of Lafayette—Sugar Creek ch 8 10; Knob Noster ch 5 15	13 25
Pby of Madison—Hanover ch	9 30
Pby of Baltimore—Taneytown ch	10 33
Pby of Connecticut—Bridgeport ch 45; Yorktown ch 30	75 00
Pby of Findlay—Ottawa ch 3; West Union ch 5 06; Enon Valley ch 3 53	11 59
Pby of Sangamon—Assumption ch	3 00
Pby of Palestine—Arcola ch	8 00
Pby of Genesee River—Warsaw ch 30; Genesee Central ch 17 79; Wyoming ch 18 14; Portageville ch 5	70 93
Pby of New Brunswick—Fourth ch Trenton 58 70; 2d ch Trenton 19 26; Kingston ch 18 30; Kingston Sab-sch 1 70; South Amboy ch 4 25; 1st ch Cranberry 19 75; Pennington ch 50; 1st ch Trenton 128 66	300 62
Pby of Hudson—Cochecon ch 5 50; Hamptonburg ch 44; Hopewell ch 25 17	74 67
Pby of Rochester City—Port Byron ch, add'l 1 00	

(To be continued.)

FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

Rev. GEORGE HALE, D.D., *Secretary.*

OFFICE, 320 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The following amounts have been received since the last report, viz:

<i>Pby of Troy—Troy Second Street ch</i>	<i>\$75 16</i>
<i>Pby of Erie—Waterloo ch 8; Georgetown ch</i>	<i>8 00</i>
<i>Pby of Carlisle—Fayetteville ch</i>	<i>16 00</i>
<i>Pby of Genesee River—Sparta 1st ch</i>	<i>12 50</i>
<i>Pby of Chillicothe—Chillicothe 1st ch</i>	<i>8 00</i>
<i>Pby of Cincinnati—Somerset ch</i>	<i>10 00</i>
<i>Pby of Miami—New Jersey ch</i>	<i>6 18</i>
<i>Pby of Oxford—Seven Mile ch</i>	<i>19 00</i>
<i>Pby of White Water—Ebenezer ch</i>	<i>7 00</i>
<i>Pby of Cedar—Mount Vernon ch</i>	<i>3 31</i>
<i>Pby of St Louis—St Louis 1st Ger ch</i>	<i>5 00</i>
<i>Pby of Luzerne—Newton ch</i>	<i>5 00</i>
<i>Pby of New Brunswick—Princeton 1st ch</i>	<i>25 77</i>
<i>Pby of Passaic—Westminster ch</i>	<i>99 30</i>
<i>Pby of Susquehanna—Towanda 1st ch</i>	<i>9 10</i>
<i>Pby of West Jersey—Woodbury ch</i>	<i>19 70</i>
<i>Pby of Connecticut—Bedford ch</i>	<i>29 64</i>
<i>Pby of Nassau—Williamsburg Third Street ch</i>	<i>5 00</i>
<i>Pby of New York—New York 1st ch</i>	<i>50; West</i>

<i>Twenty-Third Street ch</i>	<i>51 29</i>
<i>ch 40</i>	<i>141 29</i>
<i>Pby of North River—Newburgh 1st ch</i>	<i>95 00</i>
<i>Pby of Muncie—New Castle ch</i>	<i>3 88</i>
<i>Pby of Huntingdon—Clearfield ch</i>	<i>40 59</i>
<i>Pby of Ohio—Montours ch</i>	<i>11 26</i>
<i>Pby of New Lisbon—Bethel ch</i>	<i>7 50</i>
<i>Pby of Steubenville—Still Fork ch</i>	<i>5 00</i>
	<i>\$740 53</i>
<i>Friends in Illinois</i>	<i>100 00</i>
<i>Rev W G Taylor, Water Cure, Pa</i>	<i>5 00</i>
<i>Rev H K Hennigh</i>	<i>3 00</i>
<i>"M W F"</i>	<i>6 00</i>
<i>"T W H"</i>	<i>3 00</i>
<i>"E P"</i>	<i>10 00</i>
<i>Interest on Permanent Funds</i>	<i>548 78</i>

GEO. H. VAN GELDER.
Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly,
Office, No. 320 Walnut Street.
Philadelphia, August 5th, 1869.

Remember the Annual Collection for the Disabled Ministers' Fund on the First Sabbath in September.

The duty of providing relief for ministers in want, and for their widows and orphans is attracting more attention in various quarters. The Secretary has received application from Baptist brethren beyond the Mississippi, who wish to inaugurate some plan with this object in view. G. De F., the correspondent of the *New York Observer*, in giving an account of the works of benevolence which are engaging the efforts of French Protestants, writes as follows respecting the *Society for Providing for the Widows and Orphans of Pastors*.

"This institution deserves to be known, because it may stimulate our brethren in the United States and other Christian countries.

"In general, the pastors belonging to the Protestant Church of France receive only a very small salary; and if they have a large family, they are scarcely able to support them. Then, if they die young, it often happens that their widows and orphans are plunged into poverty and want.

"This is, indeed, a deplorable sight. Ministers of the gospel, who have devoted thirty or forty years to the cause of the Church, are liable to leave their wives and children without any pecuniary resource, without shelter, and without food. Their last hours are saddened by the painful prospect of the sufferings to which those most dear to them will be exposed.

"This state of things is bad, and it would be very ungrateful in the churches to let it continue. I rejoice to say that an association has been founded in the city of Bordeaux, for the purpose of providing for the widows and orphans of our pastors.

"Let those who possess this world's goods' (I copy the words of the appeal published by the Committee the beginning of this month) 'reflect what the anguish of a pastor will be in dying, if, added to the grief of parting from them is the prospect of leaving his family destitute. . . . Aid us, then, by your annual subscriptions, in supporting an association which is capable of doing so much good!'

"Christian brethren in America, this is what has been done in France; and if it finds a responsive echo in your hearts, I would say to you: 'Take care of the widows and children of your deceased pastors.' A merchant, a manufacturer, a banker sometimes leaves a large patrimony to his family. Many pastors leave almost nothing. Their widows and orphans are left to the care of the Church and to our brotherly love. Let us never forget that solemn declaration of St. Paul: 'If any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.' (1 Tim. v. 8)."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

Rev. A. C. McCLELLAND, Cor. Secretary.

DAVID ROBINSON, Esq., Treasurer, Box 224, Pittsburgh, Pa.

W^M. MAIN, Esq., Receiving Agent, 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

Parting Words.

The first Secretary of the Assembly's Committee on Freedmen closed his work in this department with the present issue of the *Record*. Four years of toil and perplexity have brought an ample reward in the success which God has been pleased to give to the efforts of the Church, to preach the gospel to the poor. Four years ago we began without experience or money, and with little knowledge of the Church, to lay the foundations for the future of our coloured brethren, and to arouse the churches of our communion to the immediate necessities of these perishing souls. The work had in the beginning not only to overcome the apathy of the Church with regard to missions in general, and to meet the special objections to a seventh Board, and the peculiar prejudices which the civil war had engendered; but to demonstrate the mistake of the general opinion, that the coloured people were not susceptible of the culture necessary to make them Presbyterians. Wherever an appeal was made in their behalf, the assertion was met "you cannot make Presbyterians of these people." It was even maintained that our Church had no mission in God's providence to the Freedmen. This we have ever considered the most overwhelming objection to Presbyterianism we have yet met, and we entered upon the work with a willingness to test our faith in our system of truth, by the demonstrations which a faithful effort might make. Faith in the ultimate success of the work gave courage from the beginning, as well as patience with failures and fault-findings, and each step that faith gained new strength. Difficulties were met as they occurred from day to day, and the work enlarged with a rapidity which hardly allowed time for planning. To plant the School and Church together; to select and educate ministers and teachers from among the people; to enlist missionaries from the North, and to provide means for the constant support of all the missions, until the Lord should give grace and ability to the Freedmen to sustain all gospel ordinances for themselves, was the work to be done. According to the measure of the ability which the Church gave it has been done, and this work goes on. Not half has been done which our hearts prompted, and the necessities of the people demanded. But all was done which a strictly economical use of the gifts of the Church would permit. And now with the cause established in the confidence of the great mass of our communion, as one of the great missions of the Church; the methods of work definitely determined by experience; with the foundations of schools for "the sons of the prophets" laid, and as true, godly, and devoted a band of missionaries in the field, as the Church has in any other field; we cheerfully, yet with many regrets for our failures, give the work into other hands.

In leaving the office with all its precious associations and solemn responsibilities, for the more pleasant and congenial labours of the pastorate, we lose none of our hearty sympathy with the missionaries, none of our sense of Christian obligation to sustain the work. The happiest moments we have ever spent have been with these Christian missionaries, sharing their reproach, and helping them to preach the gospel to the lowly. The chief regret has been that the pressure of office duties and constant demands for the visitation of the churches in order to

secure the necessary funds, did not permit a more frequent visitation of their humble homes and the field of their operations. Experience has shown that the success of the Committee on Freedmen is greatly due to immediate knowledge of the field in which they were attempting to plant the Church, and to the personal living sympathy with the missionaries constantly maintained. The work cannot be done upon elaborate theories, by dead and ecclesiastical resolutions. It can only be done by living men, in living sympathy with the church of God.

The Committee have elected the Rev. A. C. McClelland, pastor of the Fourth Church, Pittsburgh, Secretary, and he has entered upon the duties of his office. Most earnestly commanding him to the brotherly confidence and hearty co-operation of all who have so kindly cheered on the former Secretary, we turn over the work and its monthly *Record* to him. It only remains that in these parting words with the readers of this last leaf of the *Record*, we pledge to the church and the Freedmen an undiminished interest, all practicable help, and an unflagging faith in the work of missions in this field of the long afflicted and poor.

God bless the Freedmen and their laborious missionaries. They shall ever have the poor prayers and sympathies of the retiring Secretary.

DONATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN IN JULY, 1869.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Saratoga Springs, quarterly coll		<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Bethel ch	8 15
	\$25 00	<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Third ch Newark 53 30; 1st ch Morriston 78 97	132 27
<i>Pby of Atlantic</i> —Lumberton coloured ch 1 50; Wilmington coloured ch 18; Pantherford coloured ch 1 35; Edisto Island coloured ch 3 25; St Andrews coloured ch and sch 2 25; Wadinelaw coloured ch 3 22; St Paul coloured ch 2 75; Tarboro' coloured sch 17 49 32		<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Princeville ch 38; Lewistown ch 32 08	70 08
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Gilmore ch	6 60	<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —“A Friend” Doylestown, Pa 10; Central Spring Garden ch 3 65; Co-hocksink ch and Sab-sch 25	28 65
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Lower Path Valley ch 16 32; Burnt Cabin ch 10	26 32	<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Mrs H Ferguson of Blooming-ton ch	25 00
<i>Pby of Catawba</i> —Statesville coloured Pres ch and sch 14 15; Cameron coloured Pres ch 2 80; New Centre Pres ch 4 35; Logan coloured Pres ch 5; Mocksville coloured Pres ch 1 20; Rocky River Pres sch 9; Salisbury coloured ch 6; Gold Hill coloured Pres ch 8; Oakland coloured Pres ch 1; Henderson coloured Pres sch 4 50; Woodland coloured Pres sch 5; McClintonck coloured Pres sch 3 15; Ledricks Hill Pres sch 1 50; College Hill Pres sch 1 25; Miranda Pres sch 1 50; Greensboro' Pres sch 4; Mt Zion Pres sch 5	77 40	<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —First ch Kittanning	400 00
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —First ch Chillicothe	20 00	<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —First ch Towanda, in part	9 10
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —First ch Sparta	7 00	<i>Pby of Santa Fe</i> —Santa Fe ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Knox</i> —Macon coloured Pres ch contributions for three months 162 75; Brunswick 64 83	227 58	<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —First ch Sidney	14 05
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —First ch Shrewsbury	10 00	<i>Pby of Upper Missouri</i> —Albany ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Buffalo ch	5 00	<i>Pby of Washington</i> —First ch Washington	21 25
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Newton ch	63 09	Total amount rec'd from Churches	\$1239 86
		MISCELLANEOUS.	
		“J W F,” Illinois 5; “M T” 10; “E P” 10; Eliza E Townsend, Painted Post, N Y 5; A A Delay, D.D., Cincinnati, Ohio 10; J J Turner, Leverings, O 60; Mrs Mary Mitchell, Philadelphia 5; Estate of Miss Mary Fleeson, dec'd, Allegheny City 200	305 00
		Total receipts in July,	\$1,544 86
		D. ROBINSON, Treasurer, No. 78 Fourth Street, Pittsburgh.	

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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Notice---Clothing.

As the season is now rapidly approaching when many of our missionaries and their families will be in need of clothing, we respectfully request the ladies who feel an interest in them to make whatever arrangements may be necessary for their early supply. Some of the missionaries have already written to us soliciting clothing, which they say they will greatly stand in need of during the coming winter.

In this connection we invite all the missionaries who are in need of clothing, to forward to us their names with a description of the number and sizes of their families, and what particular kind of clothing would be most serviceable to them.

Outside Operations.

As the Annual Report of the Board has but a limited circulation, we continue to publish extracts from it in the *Record*. We rejoice for the sake of the cause that the action of the Board respecting outside operations was approved with so much cordiality and unanimity by the Standing Committee to which the Report of the Board was referred, and by the General Assembly itself.

"It having come to our knowledge that certain individuals, unauthorized by the Board, were collecting by means of extensive correspondence, &c., large sums of money from the benevolent, professedly for the purpose of supplementing the salaries of our missionaries in Minnesota; and believing that such outside operations would diminish the receipts of the Board, and so prove injurious to the missionaries in other parts of the field, the Executive Committee published the following caution, which was subsequently reviewed and approved by the Board, z:

"Whereas, It has come to the knowledge of the Executive Committee of the Board of Domestic Missions, that individuals have been privately making systematic efforts to collect funds from the benevolent, for the avowed purpose of supplementing the salaries of missionaries commissioned by the Board, and to aid the support of ministers not in commission, which funds are distributed on their own responsibility and at their individual discretion—and whereas, such dependent operations are unjust towards other missionaries in other parts of the field, and are adapted to diminish the receipts of the Board; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That this Committee disapproves of such operations, and earnestly recommends to all the friends of the cause to send their contributions to the Treasury of the Board at Philadelphia, to be equitably distributed among *all* the missionaries throughout the field by the Executive Committee upon the application and with the advice of their respective Presbyteries.

"The design of this caution was not to interfere with the duty and privilege of individuals to relieve any special cases of suffering and want with which they might become acquainted. The exercise of such private charity is highly commendable in the sight of Him who has said, "The poor ye have always with you;" and when it is bestowed upon any of the missionaries of the Board who may be urgently in need of such private aid, it is highly appreciated by us.

"The object was to caution the benevolent against a systematic effort by self-appointed agents, to collect large sums of money avowedly for the purpose of supplementing the salaries of missionaries commissioned by the Board, and to aid in the support of ministers not in commission; mainly, if not exclusively, within the State of Minnesota, and which funds were distributed on their own responsibility and at their individual discretion. The establishment of such an independent Sub-treasury, used mainly, if not exclusively, for the benefit of the missionaries located within the bounds of a single Synod, is, in the judgment of the Board, highly objectionable.

"1. There was no special need for such collections, so far as the Synod of St. Paul is concerned; for during the year ending with March 1st, 1868, the Board had in that field 42 missionaries, and had expended over \$10,000 in their support; nearly one-tenth of the whole amount furnished by the churches for the support of all the missionaries commissioned by the Board. During the year ending on the 1st of March, 1869, the number of missionaries within the bounds of the Synod of St. Paul was 38, and the amount expended nearly \$9,500.

"2. While it may be true that there were a few individual cases of actual destitution and suffering, we have reason to believe that the missionaries in Minnesota were, and are, in general, in as comfortable circumstances as the same number of missionaries in any of the new States and Territories. It is manifestly unjust to hold up two or three extreme cases as descriptive of the condition of the missionaries in general. Impressions made in this manner are not only unfair, but they are unjust and damaging to the Board, discreditable to the Church at large, and injurious to the interest of the missionaries in other sections of the field.

"3. Such outside operations are objectionable, because they diminish the receipt of the Board, and tend, in fact, to the destruction of the Board itself.

"4. Such independent operations are objectionable, because they are irresponsible and the disbursement of funds so collected might be perverted to selfish and ambitious purposes. We do not mean by this to call in question either the honest or the purely benevolent motives of any who have been thus far engaged in these operations. But if they are to be allowed to continue such efforts, why may not others? Yea, one or more within the bounds of every Synod—and if so, we may soon have a large body of self-appointed agents, without any persons authorized to audit their accounts, or any to whom they are accountable for the proper application of the funds entrusted to them.

"5. The disbursement of funds at the individual discretion of self-appointed agents, is highly objectionable, because it is adapted to give them an undue influence over their missionary brethren, by making them dependent upon their good-will or caprice. Indeed, complaints have already reached us of the partial distribution of the private fund alluded to, and of the injurious effect upon some of the missionaries themselves.

"For these and other reasons that might be mentioned, it would be far better if all would comply with the recommendation of the Executive Committee, and send their contributions to the Treasury of the Board at Philadelphia, to be equitably distributed among *all* the missionaries throughout the field, by the Executive Committee, upon the application and with the advice of their respective Presbyteries."

—Extract from the *Annual Report*.

A Fruitful Field.

KNOB NOSTER, Mo., August 16th, 1869.

Dear Brother,—Yesterday my last quarter under commission of the Board expired. It also completes two years' labor in the field, during which time I here subjoin a brief sketch of my labours. My field embraces Knob Noster and Sugar Creek Churches, besides several other adjacent points. When I went to Sugar Creek, in August, 1867, I found sixteen members, but one elder, and no house of worship. Since then the membership has increased to sixty-two. Out of this number two have removed, and three have recently died, leaving now fifty-seven. The increase of the church has, therefore, been forty-six. Of this number thirty-two were received by certificate and fourteen by examination. Three adults have been baptized and thirteen infants. Of the adults, one was an old man in his sixty-seventh year. The Sabbath-school has increased to about one hundred. This church is poor as to dollars and cents, yet it has contributed to all the Boards in the two years the sum of one hundred and twenty-two dollars. Also a miscellaneous fund of sixty-four dollars. But more than all this, a house of worship forty-four by thirty-two feet has been built, at a cost of three thousand dollars. Of this five hundred dollars was received from the Board of Church Extension. The aggregate amount this church has contributed, leaving out my salary, is two thousand six hundred and eighty-six dollars. This church is in a live healthy condition.

I came, also, to Knob Noster in August, 1867. There was no church here then. Two months after we organized with six members. The whole membership is now forty-five. Of these, eleven were received on profession. One adult and four infants have been baptized. The church has contributed to all the Boards the sum of fifty-four dollars. Also, miscellaneous, fifty dollars. A house of worship has been built at a cost of three thousand dollars. Of this five hundred dollars were received from the Board of Church Extension. The Sabbath-school is in a healthy condition, numbering about fifty. It has contributed within six months (the term of its existence) about forty dollars. The whole amount contributed by the church, leaving out my salary, is two thousand six hundred and forty-four dollars. Besides these two churches, I have preached at other vacant churches, and unorganized places, and organized one church (Smithton) and in all received fifteen members. The total membership I have received, therefore, in the two years is one hundred and six. Funds collected five thousand three hundred and thirty dollars.

Fraternally, J. H. B.

An Active Missionary.

GOLCONDA, ILL.

Dear Brother,—To-day closes the second quarter's labour under my present commission from the Board. I have tried very hard to discharge my duty; I preached forty sermons, attended two funerals, ten prayer-meetings, three Sabbath-school conventions, one in this place, one in Elizabethtown, another of my places of preaching, and one at Columbus, a small town seven miles from here, each

lasting two days. I delivered three temperance addresses, and two other addresses, administered the Lord's Supper in four different places, and received five persons into the church, and was present at the reception of eight others. Once I walked fifteen miles to preach, and once seven miles and back, and twice five miles and back.

I have superintended our church building, which is now up to the top of the first story.

I prepared a historical sketch of the church from its organization fifty years ago, which I read at the laying of the corner stone and then placed it in the stone.

I wrote about fifty letters with regard to the church building. Attended a teacher's institute, and took an active part in it.

We have a church sociable every Monday evening, and a sewing circle every Thursday evening, both of which I attend when I am in town.

And in addition I have visited every member of church both here and at Elizabethtown.

This I have done on the promise of a salary of six hundred dollars per year.

But I have been richly rewarded; I have seen the Lord's work prospering; souls converted and others inquiring; congregations largely increased right in the hottest of the summer; interest very marked and solemn. The Lord has blessed me with excellent health.

"The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad." May the Lord bless the Board and all the missionaries under its care.

Your brother in Christ, S. C.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN AUGUST, 1869.

SYNOD OF ALBANY. — <i>Pby of Albany</i> —Saratoga Springs ch, quarterly coll	\$50 00	<i>of Philadelphia Central</i> —Rev C Rene Gregory 5;
Hestonville ch, half mon coll 5		Hestonville ch, half mon coll 5 217 94
SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY. — <i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Sunbury ch 6 90; Concord ch 23 50; North Butler ch 7 50. <i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Hermon ch 43 80 90		
SYNOD OF ATLANTIC. — <i>Pby of Atlantic</i> —Wilmington 1st ch coloured	5 00	SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH. — <i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Murrayville ch 20. <i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Pine Grove ch at Richardsville 10, of which 2 32 from Sab-sch. <i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Kittanning 1st ch 1,782 34; Gill Hall ch 8 10; Washington ch 5 15; Bailey Spring ch 13 50 1,839 09
SYNOD OF BALTIMORE. — <i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Govane Chapel 26, of which 5 from Sab-sch; Bel Air ch from Miss M A Levering 5. <i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Bloomfield ch 5 56. <i>Pby of Lewes</i> —Dover ch 30	66 56	SYNOD OF ST. PAUL. — <i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —North Bend ch 6. <i>Pby of St Paul</i> —Mankato ch 3
SYNOD OF CINCINNATI. — <i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Cynthiana ch	2 00	
SYNOD OF ILLINOIS. — <i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Mansfield ch 5; Lewistown ch 30 97. <i>Pby of Saline</i> —Sharon ch 4; Timberville ch 1 60	41 57	SYNOD OF SANDUSKY. — <i>Pby of Western Reserve</i> —McCutcheonville ch
SYNOD OF IOWA. — <i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Mt Vernon ch	10 00	SYNOD OF WHEELING. — <i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Poland ch
SYNOD OF MISSOURI. — <i>Pby of Lafayette</i> —Linn Creek ch 12 25; Lexington 1st ch 7. <i>Pby of Southwest Missouri</i> —Neosho ch 4 15	23 40	Total received from churches, \$3,129 32
SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY. — <i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Summit Hill ch 14 69, Jamestown Sab-sch 2 82, Summit Hill Sab-sch 3 62 "P" 8 87 = 30; Shenandoah City ch 33 15, of which 15 cts from a little girl of eight years for "the missionaries." <i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Cranberry 2d ch 77. <i>Pby of Passaic</i> —First ch Morristown quarterly coll 189 94; Elizabeth 2d ch 32 61; Chester ch 22. <i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Woodbury ch 68 16	449 86	LEGACY. —Legacy of Priscilla Carson, dec'd, late of Cumberland Co, Pa 50, less taxes 3 = \$47 00
SYNOD OF NEW YORK. — <i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —South Salem ch Sab-sch 12. <i>Pby of Long Island</i> —West Hampton ch 27; Smithtown ch 10. <i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Astoria ch 100	149 00	MISCELLANEOUS. —Mrs Mary Demaree, Waveland, Ind 50; M E Drake, Clarkson, N Y 6; Deacon Jacob Sutphen, Clarkson, N Y 2 50; "Annie" 10; Rev P Hassinger 10; Jacob Leyenberger, Oxford, Iowa 10 88 50
SYNOD OF OHIO. — <i>Pby of Hocking</i> —Athens ch, add'l 12. <i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Brownville ch 20; Washington ch 33	65 00	Total Receipts in August, 1869, \$3,264 82
SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA. — <i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Hope-well ch 13; Centre ch 9; Stewartstown ch 8. <i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Shaver's Creek ch 6; Lewistown ch Sab-sch 50. <i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Wilmington 1st ch 55 94, of which 18 50 from Sab-sch. <i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Muncy ch Sab-sch 86. <i>Pby</i>		S. D. POWEL, Treasurer, No. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTEOUS, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

Correspondence of the Secretary.

Journey Across the Continent.

Thanks to a kind Father, who opened the door for my coming, and has prospered my journey, once more I find my feet upon the shores of the great Pacific. And I owe much to the kind friends through whose influence and aid the visit is made at less expense than it cost me merely to cross the Isthmus of Panama seventeen years ago. May the results of the visit, to the interests of the Board of Education and the other Boards of the Church, and to the advancement of the cause of the Redeemer among Christians and heathen on this coast, compensate for the time and labour bestowed.

How wonderful that the transit from ocean to ocean across the heart of the continent, a distance as great as from New York to Liverpool, may be accomplished between two Sabbaths; that those immense arid deserts, upon which families of emigrants have spent from four months to a year and a half, should now be traversed so swiftly that the wondering birds, which start to chase and peer into the windows of the palace car, stop in a furlong's flight exhausted; that by the terrible highway which could be easily traced, not by milestones, but by human graves, and perished beasts, and abandoned goods of every kind, is now planted a continuous line of towns, supplied with abundance of the necessities of life, busy with the employment of tens of thousands of mechanics and merchants and miners, noisy with the machinery propelled by good bituminous coal found at several accessible points, some of them lifting the pledge of future good in the spires of churches and school-houses. The memory of the voyages by sea, of the slow and hazardous ascent of the Cruces River, of the two days on mules among the perilous precipices or deep miry water courses, of the mountains of the Isthmus, the escapes from shipwrecks, the violence of men, the fevers which cut off thousands, comes up like a dream.

A Noble Effort to Seek and Save the Lost.

At Pittsburg and Chicago I was glad to hear encouraging accounts as to the theological seminaries. The pleasantest sight in any city of the West was the new building of the Young Men's Christian Association of Chicago, in which are reading rooms for young men and strangers; offices for a paper, tracts, &c. designed for their benefit; and a spacious well-planned and well-ventilated hall, capable of seating twenty-two hundred persons, right in the business centre of the city, into which multitudes are gathered from the shops, hotels, vessels, drinking saloons, by advertisements and personal invitations, who would probably never be brought otherwise within reach of the gospel. The most efficient manager of his blessed enterprise, Mr. D. C. Moody, showed me the subscription list to pay debts and to put up a library building, to cost sixty or seventy thousand dollars more, to which much the largest number of names was Presbyterian. Said he, "It is chiefly Presbyterians upon whom we rely." May God speed every effort to avert from the highways and the hedges, and to compel to come in, the hungry and the weary souls whom the heart of Jesus yearned to seek and to save. Where is

there a church whose members have not around them opportunities for work for Christ, of many kinds, more than they have yet entered upon? Shall we, fellow Christians, not emulate, in behalf of *our* Master, the enterprise, the energy, the self-denial which now so distinguish the devotees of commerce, of science, and of other departments of the service of the god of this world?

Popular Education in the West.

The eye of a flying traveller through the new States of the West sees no objects more conspicuous in the clean, bustling towns, or out upon the prairies, than the school-houses. It is remarkable that larger, finer than any other public buildings, often stands a tall, beautiful, well-built school-house of blue limestone, or painted brick or wood, erected at a cost of possibly twenty thousand or more dollars. This is explained by the generous provision which has, with far-sighted wisdom, been made by Congress, for the maintainance of popular education, by the allotment to it of a liberal share of the public lands. The public men of most of the new States seem to appreciate the importance of liberal and efficient efforts for the instruction of those on whom the stability and power of republican institutions must rest, and in whom they will be most severely tried, that is, our children. For instance, Gov. Merrill of Iowa said last year:

"From the earliest settlement of the territory, the friends of liberal education have persistently laboured for the advancement of the cause, and have at all times been able to influence, to some extent, the Legislature of the State in this behalf; and now it is believed no State in the Union of its years has made more extensive provision for universal education."

"In the ninety-seven organized counties of the State, there were in 1867, 6,229 schools with a gross attendance of 251,281 pupils, costing for tuition \$2,161,653. The school-houses were valued at \$3,450,978. The State has made ample provision for the support of free schools. The proceeds of all lands given by the General Government for school purposes, and of the 500,000 acres given under an act of 1841, the five per cent. granted by the United States on lands sold within the State, and estates of every deceased person dying without will or heirs constitute a perpetual fund, the interest of which goes to the support of common schools. The money paid for exemption from military duty, as well as the clear proceeds of all fines collected for breach of the penal laws, are similarly devoted to the support of the schools. All the resources, with the addition of a tax of from one mill to two and one-half mills, go to the payment of teachers."

There is a State Agricultural College with a farm attached, which has an income of about \$30,000. And there is a State University at Iowa City, whose able and popular president is the Rev. Dr. James Black, late vice-president of Washington and Jefferson College, Penna., to which Congress has donated 46,080 acres of land

This illustration will suffice to show how great is the importance of a sincere and constant attention, on the part of Christian ministers and people, to the popular schools of the country.

"The Roof of the World."

There is a striking name given by the people of Central Asia to that part of the continent. It is the region in which stand the highest mountains of the world, and from which the surface of the earth slopes as they say, to "the four seas." Hence they call Bokhara and Kashmire "the Roof of the World." In the ride across the continent we rise from the level of the sea on the east to that of the great lakes which at Chicago is 625 feet higher; then to that of the giant Missouri at Omaha 925 feet above the sea; then by an almost regular grade of about a thousand feet

to each hundred miles to Cheyenne (1057 miles from Chicago, 563 from Omaha). There the peaks of the Rocky Mountains, white in spots with snow the summer through, are in sight. And from thence we leap in the next 22 miles 1384 feet to the summit at Sherman, a nest planted among the granite of their peaks. This territory of Wyoming is part of "the roof" of the New World; we cross here from the Atlantic to the Pacific slope.

Cheyenne is the chief focus of population. There the Rev. Jno. L. Gage is preaching very acceptably to a new and interesting Presbyterian congregation. It was a refreshing treat to spend two days with him and enjoy the rest of the Sabbath. In the evening I gave by invitation a discourse in the Episcopal Church, and addressed a "union" Sabbath-school in the afternoon. At this place I met the first pioneers of the coming Chinese immigration. The firm of Sing-lee had set up there a washing establishment. They are kind and pleasant men, and do their work much to the satisfaction of the better class of people. I spent part of Sabbath morning talking with them.

Schools in Mormondom.

Mr. Brigham Young, the sultan of Utah, is of necessity no friend to the liberal education of the masses who are enticed to his dominions, by the preachers of his dark creed, from the ignorant peasantry of Europe. Abundant means have been put in his hands by Congress, which has given to the territory the sum of 3,130,869 acres of public land for school purposes, and 46,080 acres for a university. There are reported to be in the territory 186 school districts, containing 226 schools. These are taught by 306 teachers, whose salaries are \$61,839. The number of scholars is 13,000, or one in ten of the population, which is one-half of the average of the whole country. Persons who have had the opportunity to visit some of the schools report them to be wretchedly taught. The only department of the "University of Deseret," in operation, is the "Mercantile," which has a principal who gives instruction probably similar to that of "business colleges" elsewhere. In Salt Lake City, containing 15,000 inhabitants, there is also a "commercial college," an academy, and a "seminary," which is apparently intended for females. It has been intimated that in many of the schools the Mormon catechism is taught, and information in conflict with their materialism is excluded. A bright young woman whom a "Gentile," that is to say a *Christian*, asked when she became the "sealed" wife of a man who had several others previously, "how she could bring herself to take such a place," replied with surprise, "Why, don't they do so everywhere?" She evidently supposed the people of the United States, generally, and other nations of America and Europe, to be polygamists like those of Utah.

The danger of such an education is the rearing of a generation whose convictions will be far more positive, and their purposes much more aggressive, than those of men whose knowledge and early training must often make them tremble and hesitate.

The Future of the Mormons.

There are fewer evidences of any approaching dissolution of the Mormon system than I had presumed. The Government of them by its ecclesiastical arrangements is so effective and vigorous as to assure no change while Brigham Young lives, or while any as able as he hold the reins. There is little apparent intemperance, with all its hideous train of crime. The streets of their towns are orderly. The country has been wonderfully improved by their admirable irrigation, and by the introduction of cereal grains and fruits. The valley around Salt Lake is the oasis of the journey from the Missouri River to the Sierra Nevada Mountains. They

are learning the secrets of religious power. They are making the organization of their church government more various and complete. They are cultivating music; the organ they are now building in the New Tabernacle is some sixty feet in height, and will be the largest and most powerful instrument in the United States; its bellows to be operated by water power. They have adapted hymns to much of our finest sacred music. Their missionary spirit is zealous and self-denying. The people universally give one-tenth of their income to religious purposes. The greater part of this is devoted to the bringing in of immigrants and the support of the poor. Their missionaries "labour with their own hands" to pay travelling expenses, and if necessary for their ordinary support. Their religion secures a mighty control over the faith of believers by assuming to be the doctrines of "The Comforter," or Paraclete, that was to come, and so the consummation of Christianity higher than it, as it is higher than Judaism. It wants some of the elements of the power of Romanism. It will probably never attain its extent and sway over mankind. But Mormonism deserves far more than it has done to receive the consideration of thinking men; and the reasons for its strange success should be seriously weighed by those who would endeavour to give greater effectiveness to Christianity.

A Christian Mission at Salt Lake City.

I was much gratified to ascertain the prosperity of the Episcopal Mission at Salt Lake. They hold regular preaching services in a hall, in which other ministers are invited when present to officiate. They have a fine school, averaging, I was informed, a hundred scholars, some of them the children of recent or present Mormons. The rector, who was aided by missionary funds, is now supported by the contributions of the four or five hundred "Gentiles" living there. The assistant, who treated me with much courtesy (in the absence of the rector), is maintained by his appointment to the chaplaincy of "Camp Douglass" in the vicinity. They have purchased, by aid from the East, a beautiful residence and large lot of ground for eleven thousand dollars. They do not feel that life or property are in danger, and are working earnestly to do good, animated partly by the thought that as so many of these deluded people around them are perverted from the Church of England, so they may be the means of bringing them back to the old faith.

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN AUGUST, 1869.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

Pby of Allegheny—State Lick ch	\$11 85
Pby of Carlisle—Fayetteville ch 24; Middletown ch 26 37; McConnellsburg ch 5; Wells Valley ch 5; Bloomfield ch 4 91	65 28
Pby of Connecticut—Southeast ch 6 61; South Salem Sab-sch 6	12 61
Pby of Donegal—Hopewell ch 6; Centre ch 7; Stewartstown ch 19	32 00
Pby of Elizabethtown—Second ch Rahway 30 00	
Pby of Huntingdon—Milroy ch 37 60; Little Valley ch 16	53 60
Pby of Iowa—Fort Madison ch Sab-sch	13 00
Pby of Lafayette—First ch Lexington	3 00
Pby of Logansport—Frankfort ch	5 00
Pby of Newton—Blairsville ch	29 75
Pby of Passaic—Morristown First ch	73 97
Pby of Rochester City—Third ch Rochester	71 90
Pby of Rio de Janeiro—Rio de Janeiro ch	25 00
Pby of Saltsburg—Kittanning ch	400 00
Pby of Sunbury—Decatur 1st ch 24 83; 1st ch Springfield 115 18	140 01
Pby of West Jersey—Millville ch 15 33; May's Landing ch 7; Tuckahoe ch 2	24 33

Pby of West Virginia—Portland ch	\$5 00
Pby of Zanesville—Brownsville ch	14 00

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Rev P Hassinger, Aviston, Ill 50; Mrs J E De Klyn 5	55 00
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II. FUND FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, &c.	
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Pby of Potomac—Fall's ch, Va	5 00
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Total amount acknowledged,	\$1,079 40
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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Recent Intelligence.

DEPARTURE OF MISSIONARIES.—On the 4th of September the Rev. Charles W. Forman and his wife embarked at New York on their return to India, accompanied by three of their children; four of their children remain in this country at school. Under the care of Mr. and Mrs. Forman, Miss Margaret B. Thompson and Miss Sarah Morrison went as teachers, to be connected with the Lodiana Mission. The former is a daughter of a late respected minister of our church; the latter, of the Rev. J. H. Morrison, D.D., long a missionary in India. At the same time the Rev. Thomas Tracy and the Rev. Alexander P. Kelso embarked for India. Both are graduates of the Theological Seminary at Princeton; the former is a member of the Presbytery of Louisville; the latter of Carlisle. On the 1st of September, Miss Mary P. Dascomb and Miss Hattie Greenman embarked at Baltimore for Rio de Janeiro. Miss Greenman is supported by the liberal gifts of a number of ladies at Cleveland and other places, Ohio, and though not under appointment as a missionary of the Board, her work will be connected with that of our missionaries in Brazil. We ask for all these missionaries an interest in the prayers of our readers.

ARRIVAL OUT.—The Rev. A. L. Blackford and his wife arrived at Rio de Janeiro on the 19th of July, on their return to the missionary work in Brazil.

ADMITTED TO THE CHURCH.—In Benita, in June, two new members; in Allahabad three new members in July, one of them a daughter of the Rev. J. J. Walsh. At Rawal Pindi, one new member, an aged blind man, reported by the Rev. E. M. Wherry in July; in Petchaburi, on the first Sabbath of April, three new members; in the Creek mission, two daughters of the missionary, Rev. W. S. Robertson, were received as communicants in July; one of the Creek scholars was anxious to be admitted, but was advised to wait until the next communion. Interesting notices are given of some of these converts, which will be found hereafter in one of the missionary periodicals. The aged blind man was literally cast out into the street for becoming a Christian, though he was the head of his family, and was left to suffer the greatest hardships; but he charitably excused the conduct of his relations as far as he could on the ground of their bondage to caste, and sought only to do them good. It is an example of the declining power of caste, that eventually his family received him again to his home, where he now lives unmolested, and walks worthy of his profession.

"HE BEING DEAD YET SPEAKETH."—At Rawal Pindi a remarkable spirit of inquiry has been shown by the better and more influential members of the Mehtre caste, one of the lower castes of the Hindoos; quiet, respectful, attentive audiences, composed chiefly of heathen men, attend the services held by the missionary, and several persons have asked to be baptized. Mr. Wherry speaks very hopefully of this movement, and ascribes it largely to the labours of the late Rev. J. H. Orbinson, who was settled at that station.

FROM BENITA, Corisco Mission, Miss Nassau writes of the work of preparation to build a church as in good progress, and gives a pleasant account of her school at Bolenda, a sub-station near Benita. Eighteen scholars were in regular attendance. Two day-schools are taught in neighbouring places by native teachers. At Corisco, the Rev. J. Menaul writes, "Religious interest is much as usual. We

still live in hope of better days. The school is going on nicely, and is quite an improvement to Evangasimba. . . . I am sorry to report the death of Bojowa, the young man who accompanied Mr. Clark to America. He died on the Gold Coast, from the effects of being upset in a boat, living but a few days afterwards." There is reason to hope that his death was gain to him, as a follower of Christ; but he is mourned for as one who promised to be a useful Christian labourer amongst his people.

RECEIPTS—MAY 1ST TO SEPTEMBER 1ST:—\$43,544. In the same months of last year, \$34,910. Total increase, \$8,633. Of this increase, \$2,094 from churches, and \$7,901 from legacies; from miscellaneous, \$1,362 less.

LETTERS RECEIVED TO SEPTEMBER 14TH.—From Chippewa, September 6th; Omaha, August 20th; Creek, August 12th; Seminole, August 12th; San Francisco, September 4th; Yokohama, July 28th; Tungchow, July 5th; Shanghai, July 19th; Hangchow, July 12th; Canton, July 16th; Bangkok, July 3d; Petchaburi, May 14th; Allahabad, July 24th; Mynpurie, June 27th; Dehra, July 1st; Landour, July 28th; Rawal Pindi-Murree, July 16th; Corisco, June 23d; Benita, July 13th; Monrovia, August 11th; Rio de Janeiro, July 24th; Sao Paulo, July 16th; Brotas, July 9th; Bogota, July 12th.

Letter of the Rev. J. R. Ramsay, Seminole Mission.

Few trials in life are more deeply felt than is the removal by death of young children, and few are more common. Our missionary friends have to meet this bereavement usually without the comfort afforded by the presence of relatives and friends, but their best Friend is with them, and His grace is sufficient for them in this time of need. Mr. Ramsay's letter, written on the 12th of August, will secure much sympathy for himself and his afflicted family. It will serve also to show one of the tender ties which sometimes unite missionaries and the people for whom they labour.

Since I wrote last we have passed through sad trials. That which I particularly refer to now is the death of our dear little son, Hamilton Irvin, which occurred on the 7th of July. His death was most sudden and unexpected. He had been a remarkably healthy and interesting child—a general favourite of all who knew him, and we fondly hoped that he would be spared to be a comfort to us and a blessing to the world. But, alas for human hopes! How soon they are blasted! He was but of the age of three years and three months at his death. He had had no previous sickness that we knew of. The morning of his decease he ate his breakfast heartily, and when I left home.

accompanied by his three sisters for school at nine o'clock, he was playing in the yard. We went to school, but in one hour a messenger arrived informing me that Irvin was very sick. I got my horse and rode home as fast as I could, but when in sight of the house I saw his poor mother, who had been all alone with him, walking the porch, wringing her hands and crying, saying, "Our dear little Irvin is gone." I soon found that it was too true. I saw him lying a lifeless corpse. He died in convulsions; had got up from his play and gone to his mother, telling her that his back hurt him. She hastened and took him in her arms, and found he was going into convulsions. She used every restorative within reach, but all to no purpose. He never recovered from the first spasm. Thus most suddenly has death visited our little family, and taken away one dear little lamb.

But He that gave him had a right to take him, and while our hearts are sad and lonely indeed, yet we try not to murmur against this dispensation, but rather are led by it to feel that now we have one more dear tie to bind us to heaven; for there we believe that his happy spirit now lives, that he has been folded in Jesus' arms, and is waiting our arrival there. At his death and funeral the Indians, the blacks and whites all showed the deepest sympathy and kindness. His precious dust rests in the graveyard, where some of our dear Indian Christian friends sleep until the resurrection, when, with them, he will rise most beautiful.

The new Seminole Agent, Captain T. A. Baldwin, has been here at the Agency for the last month, and thus far has shown himself very friendly disposed. He manifests an interest in our religious advancement, and has offered his assistance and influence in aiding us in building a church and mission. For this I thank God and take courage. I have got part of the timber cut to be sawed into lumber for building the mission. The saw mill is finished and proves to be a success in every thing, viz: sawing and grinding corn, meal, and making flour. But the Chiefs have not yet decided to receive it, because some of them say, and with reason too, that it is an aid concern, while they in treaty stipulated for a number one new mill. At present I cannot say how they will decide it. If the nation receives it I have every encouragement to expect that the sawing of the lumber for the mission will be done gratis, but if they do not receive it, and it is sold to other parties, I fear I will have the sawing to pay for, which will considerably lessen the dimensions of the building.

We had an interesting two days' meeting on the 24th and 25th of July. Many of the brethren still continue to manifest much zeal for Christ and our meetings are well-attended, and although I cannot now report any recent converts, still I hope good is being done.

Missionary Matters at Peking, China.

BY THE REV. W. T. MORRISON, JUNE 3D.

The health of our native assistant has not been very good during the past winter. For some months past he has not been preaching at the chapel on the great street. He is stronger now and of his own accord proposed to resume the preaching. During these months he has rendered valuable assistance in the charge of the school. Unfortunately he is afflicted with a violent temper, which gives me uneasiness and greatly detracts from his usefulness. Otherwise I consider him a valuable man. The heathen teacher, who had charge of the school, having left for his home, the school was put under the charge of the assistant and a young man, who has been trained up in the school and who is a professing Christian. The experiment was so far satisfactory, that I declined to re-employ the heathen teacher upon his return. It is difficult to make

such teachers comply with our Christian rules, and we dread his influence over the boys. He may counteract all that we can teach them. If the young man continues to do well, I shall place the school under his charge. He is well spoken of by the natives. His quiet manner and bearing impresses one favourably. If the older boys require a more experienced teacher in their own classics, it will be practicable to obtain a teacher who will come to instruct a class without giving him charge of the school. If this plan can be carried out I shall be much more hopeful for the future of the school. The young man has recently made an arrangement, at a pecuniary loss to himself, by which I hope he will be no longer called on to perform Sabbath duty. This is also a great relief to me, as his duty as a petty officer of the Government occasionally called him to render service on the Sabbath.

. . . One of the young men who entered the school has since left it, as I obtained him a place as a teacher with one of the missionaries. He had been in the mission school five years, has some knowledge of the truth, a fluent delivery and good address; but he inspired me with no confidence in his Christian character. It is my earnest wish that his new position may develope him, and that he may yet be useful in the Master's service. I feel most strongly the importance of native helpers, but I feel that an acceptable labourer must preach not because he is induced to do so merely for the pay, but because he has a real love for the work. Unless he gives me some evidence of this and of a change of heart, I do not regard it as wise to employ him. I am much interested in the school. The boys seemed interested in their studies, but I do not see any signs of religious interest among them. When I see their attention interested in religious instruction, I do sometimes hope that the truth may be blessed. There is nothing of special interest to be noted in our Sabbath service or in the preaching at the chapel. Mr. McIlvaine has been away twice during the last month, visiting the villages twenty or thirty miles from the city. We are all well.

Missionary Work at Shanghai, China.

BY THE REV. J. M. W. FARNHAM, JUNE 18.

You will be pleased to learn that the

interest I have spoken of among our neighbours seems increasing, though I suppose it is rather a personal interest than an interest in religion. Still it gives us a chance to influence and instruct them. Mrs. F., and some of the Christian women, visit among them quite regularly, and upon a recent Sabbath there must have been fully twenty of our neighbours in the chapel where hitherto we were not accustomed to see one.

We are not getting the new chapel any too soon. Of our three chapels in Shanghai, the one at the South Gate is the only one we use much. The one at the East Gate is principally used for a chapel for the press hands; the one in the city is only used for a prayer-meeting—where, say, half a dozen meet. No audiences for street preaching are obtained at either place. But here we have the regular Sabbath services connected with the Shanghai Church Sabbath-school; preaching twice, and prayer-meeting in the evening, and all the services well attended, the chapel often being full. The stench from its surroundings makes it unpleasant to stay in it long enough to hold a service, and I am glad to say the new one is nearly done. If I had the authority I should take this down and put the material into the school buildings in a better location, but leave it for the present. It is a snug little building, and may do for a library, apparatus room, or something of the kind, if we can manage to improve its surroundings. You understand no blame attaches to the builder. The new public road on our south and front throws it in the rear. The timber and material which was lying exposed to the weather, is pretty nearly all worked up into buildings upon the locations agreed to by the committee, west of our house; the plan having been modified by the addition of the chapel bought by the mission, and some valuable suggestions from our native assistants and teachers. I hoped to send you a plan for publication in the *Foreign Missionary*, if you liked, but the architect was not able to get it ready,—will send it by next mail.

Girls' School at Petchaburi, Siam.

BY MRS. J. E. MACFARLAND.

This letter shows encouraging progress in a cause of great moment, gives reasons of much force for enlarged

efforts, presents a practical idea of the nature and the difficulties of the work, and contains an earnest plea for an unmarried lady as a teacher. It cannot be read without awakening interest and sympathy, and we hope it will call forth means for enlargement, and the offering of prayer for the continued blessing of God.

We have now sixteen bright intelligent girls in regular attendance, and in every respect the condition of the school is full of encouragement and promise of usefulness. The girls are orderly and industrious, and the school has gained the confidence of the people. At first the idea of a *school for females* was a subject of scorn and derision, but it has lived that down, and the very persons who three years ago tormented our pupils as they passed to and from school with noisy ridicule are now pleading to be admitted that they too may learn. I do not say that these persons show any particular interest in our religion—indeed in most cases I know this is not the motive at all, and if we taught nothing but the religion of Jesus I am not sure that we ever yet would have had a single pupil. The principal inducement is that it is a respectable and certain way of making a living. And while that idea is the first in their minds, we on the other hand are careful that the study of the Scriptures shall have the first and most prominent place in every day's work; so that while many will probably prove to be but chaff, still we hope to gather some precious grain for our Master. As soon as Mrs. Van Dyke got into her own house she proposed taking a class of six girls as her department of the school; so we went out one morning and in a walk of less than an hour we had the promise of that number of real bright nice little girls. They commenced immediately (that was six weeks ago) and have as yet hardly missed a day. This shows how small a matter it would be to increase our number of scholars if we had the strength to attend to them. If it were a book school we might probably do justice to a much larger number, but this we cannot have simply for want of school books. There is nothing of the kind—no geography, no grammar, no arithmetic, and even their history is little more than a mass of superstitious legends. Indeed there is nothing in the language, except the Bible and our re-

ligious tracts that we should care to have our pupils study, and these we could not profitably keep in their hands all day long. As soon as a new pupil is received, her first business is to learn to read. This she will always do in about three months or less. After that she commits and recites a passage (from five to ten verses) of the New Testament every morning; then a certain portion of time is spent in reading the Old Testament history and singing. When this is over, if we wish to keep them here under our influence for the remainder of the day, we have no alternative but to put them at some kind of work. And it is this (their work) that takes so much of our time and attention. The material must be provided and each girl must be taught to cut out and fix her own work. During working hours the idle and careless must be looked after, and as each piece of work is finished it must be examined and approved. Then the sale of the articles must receive time and thought, so that the proceeds may go just as far as possible in paying the expenses of the school and thus save precious mission money. We are trying to train the older girls so that they may do nearly all of these things, but it will be a long time yet before a constant oversight can be dispensed with.

In regard to the expense of the school to the mission, that is becoming proportionately less and less, because the work of the more advanced pupils is becoming more valuable, and, also, as the school comes into favour with the people, their work finds a more ready sale. We trust that ere long with proper management the school may pay its own expenses, with the exception of a teacher's salary and buildings.

The school is a necessity at this station, and must be kept up if only for the sake of our church members. We could not see them go back to their former state of idleness, and I do not see how we could keep them around us and provide them with means to make a living without it. We do not then ask shall it live, but we do ask shall it always remain an infant? Shall it number only sixteen, when, with so little outlay of funds, it might number sixty? Mrs. Van Dyke is doing all she can do in addition to her family cares and the study of the language. At present she ought not to undertake more. And I, with my family of little ones, feel that the present number is all I can take. What do you say? Shall we

rest contented with this, or can you not send out a single lady to take charge of what seems to us a very important part of the work here? In that case Mrs. Van Dyke and I could still be useful as assistants. Mrs. Van Dyke is full of missionary zeal.

. . . Heretofore we have hesitated to ask for an unmarried lady to come lest she might not feel satisfied and happy after getting here. But as the Board is sending out so many to all the other mission fields, we do not see any reason why we should longer hesitate about sending on our request for one. If a lady can be happy in any heathen country she ought to be happy here, with such an open door and glorious field of usefulness, scarcely second to any other—not only the religious training, but the physical, mental and moral elevation of her own sex among the heathen. If a lady should come we would be happy to have her make her home in our family, and we will try to make it as pleasant for her as possible. Our house is not large, but it is comfortable, and we will cheerfully share it with her for the present; and, in time, if the school increases so as to require new buildings, teachers' apartments could be added, and she still board with us. We have thought of many plans, and, at times, have had high hopes concerning our school, and now we turn to you. We have tried to state its case briefly and fully, and then commit it to your wisdom and the guidance of our heavenly Father.—*Petchaburi, June 15th, 1869.*

Monthly Concert of Prayer.

We take the following extract from Dr. Anderson's late book on Foreign Missions, confident that the venerable author's long experience will secure great respect for his views.

Another department of pastoral duty is the monthly concert of prayer for the conversion of the world. That should be what its name imports, a prayer-meeting for missions, foreign and domestic; literally for the conversion of the world. The information and prayers should not be restricted to the missions of one society, or of one denomination, or to one class of missions, nor to the missions from our own country. Moreover, the pastor should guard against feeling himself, or allowing his people to feel, that the meeting

is unimportant, much less a failure, because only a few attend it. Those few, even should they happen to be females, are really, in respect to the missionary cause, what the "three hundred" were to the "ten thousand" in Gideon's army.

Experience teaches that we must not expect even good people to take a lively interest in the information given at the monthly concert, while they know little of the geography and history of missions. We remember how the newspapers, in the late war, accompanied their accounts of battles and seiges with maps and illustrations. While the only effectual remedy for ignorance in missionary geography is early training, much can be done in the missionary prayer-meeting itself, by the pastor and others, through a judicious use of maps and other illustrations.

The churches in some parts of our land seem, just now, to be somewhat in a transition state as to their religious habits. In many places, the afternoon preaching service is giving place to the Sabbath-school, and if the second preaching service be not relinquished altogether, it is transferred to the evening, to the no small peril of the monthly concert, where that meeting has been held on Sabbath evening. What shall be done in this case? This monthly missionary prayer-meeting was the outgrowth of the missionary spirit, and is believed to be quite necessary to the life and vigor of that spirit.

It has been asked, whether the weekly church prayer-meeting may not be converted once a month into a missionary prayer-meeting. That has been tried, but in many cases it has been a short-lived experiment. The first Sabbath in the month is the best time for the concerts, and might not the Sabbath evening preaching service, once a month, where it exists, be so modified as to meet the exigency. This, also, has in some cases been tried, and it only needs that pastor and people enter heartily into the arrangement. Take the broad view, just now intimated, of the field as occupied by the various societies at home and abroad, of the whole active efforts of the Church, and let the people be at the expense of providing their minister with the needful sources of information, and the needful illustrations, and there would be no serious difficulty.

Much will, of course, depend on the manner of conducting the monthly concert.

It is the result of my own experience and observation, that there is no more safety in going into this meeting without previous preparation, than there is into the pulpit on the Sabbath. Indeed, permanent success in this meeting requires that this department of pastoral duty should by no means be forgotten in the habits of study which are cultivated in the seminary course. Men, who go through the seminary in habitual neglect of the intelligence concerning which I now speak, will be likely to go through their ministerial life in the same manner. But with the established habit of keeping the monthly prayer-meeting in view in the miscellaneous reading of the month, and with a hearty interest in the subject, an adequate preparation for the monthly concert will not be found to interfere with the weekly preparation for the Sabbath pulpit.

I am not in favour of reading much at the meeting, and what reading there is should, for the most part, be avowedly illustrative of some point or points that have been distinctly stated. The object is to awaken an interest, rather than fully to satisfy it, and thus lead the people to read for themselves. And there should be so much of intelligent and appropriate remark by the pastor, as will make the reading of the people at home more interesting and profitable, and also induce those who thus read to value the prayer-meetings. Pastors may have the world before them, with the whole range of efforts to evangelize it, as also the opened books of Providence and grace, from which to draw materials. It is often the case that lay members of the church might materially aid in giving the intelligence. But in this meeting there is and can be no adequate substitute for the pastor. You might even bring in secretaries of the great missionary societies with autograph letters of missionaries in their hands; yet, if ordinarily there be uncertainty as to the pastor's attendance, or doubt as to the reality of his interest, the meeting will not be a success.

The use of maps and other illustrations is so important in the monthly concert, that, if they cannot be otherwise obtained, it would be well to employ for this purpose some part of the contributions on that occasion. The well known missionary maps of Mr. Bidwell are invaluable. Those prepared by Professor Guyot are not missionary maps, yet, having some special excellencies, a pastor conversant with the

geography and history of missions, may use them to advantage.

It might be well, occasionally, to employ the skill of young amateur artists in the parish to furnish rough drawings of the more interesting illustrations of the Pagan world, to be used at the missionary prayer-meeting. The young artists themselves will at any rate be interested.—Pp. 178-182.

Noble Liberality.

Our experience for years in the office of Corresponding Secretary completed our conviction of the thorough depravity of human nature, as evidenced by the conduct of the heirs and executors of wills in using every possible endeavour to defeat the undoubted wish and purpose of their parents or friends. It is refreshing to meet with so marked a case on the other side as we are advised of from Pittsfield, Mass. Thomas Durant, Esq., had given by will \$2,000 to the missionary cause, and had expressed to his pastor, Rev. W. R. Brown, his intention to add \$3,000 to it, making his bequest \$5,000. But he had not so signified to his own family, and being taken ill did not provide for it by will. After his decease Brother Brown stated to his sons what their father had intended to do. And although there was not the slightest legal obligation on them, they instantly declared their readiness to fulfil the wishes of their deceased father, and gave Brother Brown a check for \$3,000, making the bequest paid of Brother Durant \$5,000.—*Methodist Missionary Advocate*.

Mohammedism Degrading to Females.

This morning very early, a little Mohammedan woman came, and bringing me a nosegay, sat beside me a moment, with more than usual dejection in her countenance;—then suddenly rising and kissing my hand, she said, sorrowfully, with her face half veiled, “can you give

me any medicine for my eye?” Supposing her to be afflicted with ophthalmia, the universal disease of the natives, I said, “Does your eye pain you?” “No,” said she, “but for several years something has been growing upon it, and for one year I have not been able to see with that eye;” and she added, “Ahmed (her husband) says, if I cannot see, he will send me away from him.” Poor woman! my heart ached for her, and I promised to consult Dr. Whately in reference to her case. Such is the kindly nature of the religion of Mohammed! How effectually it tends to overthrow the plan of Jehovah’s government!—*Memoirs of Mrs. Smith*.

Interesting from India.

A missionary, who has recently made a tour in Hyderabad, inhabited chiefly by Telooogoos, says, in some places the people come out of their villages in groups of thirty, sixty, or ninety, following the preacher and his assistant, and beseeching them to tell them more of the good way. Some of their questions were very affecting. Some asked, after hearing for a while, “Sir, how long have your good people known of this good way?” When we told them hundreds of years, the reply was ready, “Why did you not send us instruction before, to tell us of this good way?” Others asked, “When will you come again and tell us more of this religion?” After leaving the town great numbers followed, so that they were occupied the whole day in reading and explaining the word of God to successive groups, who came to know more of the new religion. The Mahratta Christians, at a recent missionary anniversary at Ahmednuggur, have displayed spontaneous and wonderful liberality in contributing to the cause of missions. Two native pastors began with a gift of 100 rupees. The money, ornaments, clothing, brazen vessels for domestic use followed, and pledges of their grain when it should ripen.

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"Near the outset of my trip on the prairie I met a man near to a place of worship, and congratulated him on the fact that he lived where he and his family could attend meeting. 'But,' said he, 'I never go to meeting. I have heard but one sermon in thirteen years.' I inquired the reason why.

"'Well,' he replied, 'I will tell you. I don't want to have anything to do with these Presbyterians. They will cheat you, and look you straight in the eye while they are doing so; and the Methodists are no better.'

"'I am sorry to hear it,' I replied. 'Now, sir, how many of these Presbyterians have cheated you, and to what amount?'

"He said, 'Nearly all of them.'

"'Well,' I answered, 'as you don't seem to be very busy to-day, just step into my buggy, and I will take you over to the one that has cheated you the most, and we will talk the matter over with him.' He didn't feel, he said, like walking back, as he was a little lame.

"I told him I would bring him back and pay him for his time if he would go along.

"Well, he didn't think, just then, of any Presbyterians that had cheated him very much.

"'But,' said I, 'even if they have cheated but little, perhaps some of them will pay you back something if we go to see them.'

"And then the poor man could think of no Presbyterians that had wronged him. 'But,' said he, 'you will find this a pretty hard settlement.'

"'That may be,' I replied, 'but as you have so many honest Presbyterians among you, I hope they will make you all better.' I then exacted from him a promise that he would attend the next meeting that was held, gave him some tracts, and left him.

"On the same day I called on a Methodist brother, and sold him *Hodge on the Atonement*, 'What is Calvinism?' and 'Edwards on Redemption,' and, in order to make change, gave him 'What is Presbyterianism?' All this was good substantial food for anybody.

"Another man, a member of a Free Will Baptist church, thought that

if Paul had not written the Epistle to the Romans, *Calvinism* would never have been preached.

“‘Then,’ said I, ‘you admit that it is taught there?’

“‘Y-e-s,’ was his reply.

“‘You admit, too, that the Epistle to the Romans is the inspired word of God?’

“‘Y-e-s,’ he again replied.

“‘Well, then,’ said I, ‘the doctrine of election is taught in that epistle; that epistle is the word of God; the word of God is true; therefore the doctrine of election is true.’

“‘Well, I don’t know,’ said he; ‘it is not taught anywhere else.’

“‘Yes it is,’ said I, ‘for we read that, “as many as were ordained unto eternal life believed.”’

“‘That is not in the Bible,’ said he.

“‘Yes it is. But I will not tell you where, because, while you are looking for that passage, you will find many others where the same glorious doctrine is just as clearly taught.’

J. S. L.”

Where our Books go.

The following acknowledgment has been received by the Board from a Sabbath-school in Wisconsin, to which a donation of Sabbath-school books had been given. It is a fair specimen of numbers of letters of the same kind received by the Board:

“We received the library you so kindly donated in good order, and return our most sincere thanks. Many of the books have already gone with families where God’s name is profaned and his word never read. We desire our friends to unite with us in praying that these little volumes may be the means not only of converting the children, but of doing great good to the parents also. The books are so interesting and instructive that any one can read them with pleasure and profit. Our school has increased from fifty to sixty-seven pupils since the books came, and we hope soon to number one hundred children. Many of them walk three miles, and listen earnestly to the good tidings.

M. E. M.”

An Indian Sabbath-school.

The following very interesting letter and appeal have been received by the Presbyterian Board of Publication from the clergyman who is labouring as a stated supply among the remnant of the Stockbridge Indians. All who are familiar with the early missionary efforts, made in this country by such men as Elliot and the Brainerds, will feel that these red men ought to attract the special interest and benefactions of God’s people. This clergyman writes:—

“The Annual Report of the Presbyterian Board of Publication has just come to hand, and it is indeed cheering to see the amount of good it is doing by its books, tracts, and colportage labour. My field of labour is

among the Stockbridge tribe of Indians, who were formerly of Massachusetts. This people yet number about four hundred souls all told, and are located upon two townships in the county of Shawano, State of Wisconsin, where they yet maintain a tribal distinctive character, and are struggling for self-support in temporal as well as spiritual affairs. Among them is a small Presbyterian church of some twenty members, which stands connected with the Winnebago Presbytery. A thriving day school is kept in constant operation, in which are taught both children and adults. This, together with the Sabbath-school of from forty to fifty in regular attendance, is raising this people to be not only an intelligent, Christian people, but to become good citizens of the United States, whenever they shall choose to take that step. The tribe, though away in one of the corners of the world, is yet surrounded by the white people who come to get lumber, and are, as we trust, not a little benefitted by the influence and Christian labour done among them. The field, then, is really a missionary field, and of course almost entirely destitute of reading matter of a religious character. In perusing the pages of your Report, I perceive that the Board has sometimes granted donations to such, and my object in dropping you this letter is to solicit in behalf of this Indian Sabbath-school and people any books and papers you may be able to give. Should you be able to send me some tracts, I can use them to a very good account among this people and the white lumbermen. The Sabbath-school here has very few books, donated second-handed from one of the churches in this Presbytery, but these have all been read and re-read. Should you favour us with a donation, it will be most thankfully received."

We earnestly solicit from the readers of this article such contributions as they may feel able and willing to give, to enable the Board of Publication to send a handsome supply of books and tracts to these interesting Indians.

A Library Gratefully Received.

The Board lately sent a donation of Sabbath-school library books to a mission school in I——, from whose minister it received the following acknowledgment:—

"On Friday last I received from the Board of Publication a package containing library books, donated to our Sabbath-school. Accept our sincere thanks, as also the heartfelt gratitude of the scholars for this valuable gift. If you could have seen the bright and happy faces that were gathered around me in the Sabbath-school while I read to them your letter, and showed them the books, it would have made your heart glad. You should have heard the hearty expressions of gratitude and of thanks to the kind friends who sent to this missionary field those nice books.

"I do pray God that the hearts of the people may be stirred up to give liberally to our Board, so that it may be enabled to make similar donations to all needy missionary churches. May this most suitable selection of books be the means of leading many to Christ." C. E. R."

Public Poisoners.

Beware of the foul and exciting romance. All that is said above will apply with tenfold intensity to this class of reading, for which it paves the way. The writer of modern romance chooses his scenes from the places of debauchery and crime, and familiarizes the reader with characters, sentiments, and events that should be known only to the police. Licentious scenes and obscene imagery are unblushingly introduced, and the imagination polluted by suggestions and descriptions revolting to the pure in heart. "Public poisoners" was a title long since justly given to writers of this class. It was lately testified in open court, by the father of one whose guilty course has brought ruin upon herself, disgrace upon her family, and death upon her lover, that all was occasioned by his daughter's "reading the impure works of Eugene Sue and Bulwer." To yield to such a hellish charm, is like the voluntary sacrifice of one's body and soul on the drunkard's altar. *Mental delirium tremens* is as sure a consequence of habitual intoxication from such reading, as is that awful disease the certain end of the inebriate. Beware of it.—*Selected.*

Example is Contagious.

Beware of injurious books, because *your example is contagious*. Your child, your servant, your neighbour, may be led to read what will be injurious for time and eternity; or not to "touch the unclean thing," as your example may prompt.

Perform a good deed, speak a kind word, bestow a pleasant smile, and you will receive the same in return. The happiness you bestow upon others is reflected back to your own bosom.

DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE COLPORTAGE AND DISTRIBUTION FUNDS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION, SINCE LAST ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

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Pby of Connecticut—Croton Falls ch 2 25; Bed- ford ch 11 42; Southeast ch 7 07; South Salem ch 28; South Salem ch Sab-sch 6	54 74	Pby of Vincennes—Howesville ch 65 cts; Magill ch 1 96; Carrie Rrairie ch 5 65; Madox ch 2 46	
Pby of Elizabethtown—Rahway 2d ch	30 40		10 72
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Pby of Genesee River—Caledonia ch	13 57	Pby of West Virginia—Portland ch 4 25; King- wood ch 2	6 25
Pby of Huntingdon—Mifflintown ch 64 15* Milroy ch 14 50	78 65	Pby of White Water—Cambridge City ch	3 00
Pby of Lafayette—Lexington 1st ch	2 00	Pby of Wooster—Chester ch 4; Wayne ch 5; Ber- lin ch 6; Jackson ch 10; Wooster ch 48 63; Holmesville ch 9; Shreve ch 3	85 63
Pby of Lewes—Dover ch	30 00	Pby of Zanesville—Salem, German ch 9 61; Bethel ch 6; Brownsville ch 13	28 61
Pby of Nassau—Throop Avenue ch	10 13		
Pby of New York 2d—Sing Sing ch	50 00		
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Pby of Passaic—Morristown 1st ch	34 49		
Pby of Peoria—Lewistown ch	33 20		
Pby of Philadelphia 2d—Norristown ch	67 95		
Pby of Richland—McKay ch 50 cts; Belleville ch 85 cts; Clearfork ch 1 70; Perrysville ch 6 10; Hayesville ch 14 12	23 27		
			\$1,065 70

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DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION *in part for July, 1869.*

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<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Red Clay Creek ch 16; Green Hill ch 14; Upper Octorara ch 21 20; Lower Brandywine ch 11 90	63 10	
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Sheldon ch 2; Caledonia ch 5; Winona 1st ch 14 28	21 28	
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —New Hagerstown ch 22; Carrollton ch 10	32 00	
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<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —First ch Council Bluffs 107; Cheyenne ch 10	117 00	
<i>Pby of Neosho</i> —Neosho Falls ch 4 75; Geneva ch 5 25	10 00	
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DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION *in part for August 1869.*

Total receipts for August \$5313 48.

<i>Pby of Marion</i> —First ch Delaware 13; Marseilles ch 4 10; Radnor ch 5; Salem ch 2 50	\$21 60	
<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Gloversville ch, special 209; Johnstown ch 23 27	232 27	
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —First ch La Crosse 35; Hixton ch 4 25	39 25	
<i>Pby of St Louis</i> —Salem ch (German) 5; Grace ch 28	33 00	
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<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Absecon ch, special 7; Somer's Point ch 4; Tuckahoe ch 1; May's Landing ch 6	18 00	
<i>Pby of St Paul</i> —Westminster ch, Minneapolis 65 65; do Sab-sch 16 92	81 97	
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Clarksville ch 45 05; Neshannock ch 36 50; Little Beaver ch 5	86 55	
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Tarentum ch 19 61; Concord ch 14 25	33 86	
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Cross Roads ch 17; Beulah ch 36	53 00	
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Parnassus ch 13 35; Apollo ch 15 60; Centre ch 5 10; Bethel and Jacksonsville chs 15; East Union ch 6 07; Rayne ch 8 26; Elder's Ridge ch 23 80; West Lebanon ch 17 25; 1st ch Kittanning 600	704 43	
<i>Pby of Western Reserve</i> —Tiffin ch 6; Westminister ch 7	13 00	

(To be continued.)

FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS,

AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

Rev. GEORGE HALE, D.D., *Secretary.*

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OFFICE, 320 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The following amounts have been received since the last report, viz:

<i>Pby of Albany—Saratoga Springs ch</i>	\$25 00	<i>Pby of Huntingdon—Hollidaysburg ch</i>	46; Sab-
<i>Pby of Lewes—Eden ch</i>	2 00	<i>sch of do 4 92</i>	50 92
<i>Pby of Genesee River—Oakland ch 6; Sparta 2d ch 6</i>	12 00	<i>Pby of Philadelphia—7th Pres ch, Phila</i>	62 66
<i>Pby of Rochester City—Port Byron 1st ch</i>	31 55	<i>Pby of Blairsville—Beulah ch</i>	30 00
<i>Pby of Indianapolis—Knightstown ch</i>	14 72	<i>Pby of Ohio—Pittsburgh 4th ch</i>	19 75
<i>Pby of Dubuque—Liberty ch</i>	3 60	<i>Pby of Saltsburg—Kittanning 1st ch 300; Bethel</i>	
<i>Pby of Vinton—Big Grove ch</i>	7 60	<i>and Jacksonvile chs 10</i>	310 00
<i>Pby of Lafayette—Lexington 1st ch</i>	2 00	<i>Pby of St Paul—Hudson ch</i>	5 20
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown—Rahway 2d ch</i>	20 00	<i>Pby of Findlay—Kenton ch</i>	5 00
<i>Pby of Newton—Dauville ch 2; Blairstown ch 13</i>	15 00	<i>Pby of Steubenville—New Hagerstown ch</i>	19 10
<i>Pby of New Brunswick—Trenton 2d ch, a mem- ber</i>	100 00		
<i>Pby of Passaic—Morristown 1st ch</i>	44 48		
<i>Pby of Connecticut—Sab-sch of South Salem ch 6; Bridgeport ch 60</i>	66 00		
<i>Pby of Nassau—Ross St Brooklyn ch</i>	21 39		
<i>Pby of Logansport—Perryburg ch</i>	2 00		
<i>Pby of Columbus—Columbus 1st ch</i>	64 90		
<i>Pby of Marion—Salem ch</i>	2 75		

<i>Pby of Huntingdon—Hollidaysburg ch</i>	46; Sab-	
<i>sch of do 4 92</i>	50 92	
<i>Pby of Philadelphia—7th Pres ch, Phila</i>	62 66	
<i>Pby of Blairsville—Beulah ch</i>	30 00	
<i>Pby of Ohio—Pittsburgh 4th ch</i>	19 75	
<i>Pby of Saltsburg—Kittanning 1st ch 300; Bethel</i>		
<i>and Jacksonvile chs 10</i>	310 00	
<i>Pby of St Paul—Hudson ch</i>	5 20	
<i>Pby of Findlay—Kenton ch</i>	5 00	
<i>Pby of Steubenville—New Hagerstown ch</i>	19 10	

<i>Mrs Mary R. Mitchell of Phila</i>	\$937 52
<i>Miss India Hornbrook of Wheeling, W Va</i>	5 03
<i>Mrs "A M S" of Fort Sully</i>	10 00
<i>Rev J E DeKlyn</i>	5 00
<i>M E Drake of Clarkson, N Y</i>	3 00
<i>Margaret Latimer, late of Phila, legacy</i>	500 00
<i>Interest on Permanent Fund</i>	236 04

GEO. H. VAN GELDER, *Treasurer,*

Office, No. 320 Walnut Street.

Philadelphia, September 4th, 1869.

"Take heed that thou forsake not the Levite, so long as thou livest upon the earth."

The Assembly Plan.

The subject of making provision for superannuated clergymen, and the widows and orphans of the dead, had for many years awakened anxious thought, but there was always a difficulty in settling upon a practicable and well adjusted plan. Twenty years ago that now in operation was inaugurated, mainly through the agency of the laymen. Since 1849 the whole question has often been fully discussed in the General Assembly, and, although other schemes have been suggested, the united wisdom of the Church has rested upon the one already adopted as the best for our denomination. All that is now required is that the ministers, ruling elders, deacons, and individual members of our Church give their earnest attention to the *thorough working out of this plan*, with the moral support of Synods and Presbyteries. The success has already exceeded expectation. The general features of the plan are as follows: 1st. For the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased ministers, and of superannuated, disabled, or aged living ministers a fund is created by *annual collections* in the churches to be expended at once. 2d. *Donations and legacies* are invited in large as well as small sums, which are to be invested as a *Permanent Fund*, the interest only to be used. 3d. The Trustees of the General Assembly are charged with the care of this Fund; and they, through a committee of their own number, disburse it; the agents in the transaction of business being a Secretary and Treasurer. 4th. All appropriations are made on the recommendation of that Presbytery to which the applicant most naturally belongs, or of a Standing Committee of Presbytery. It is required that these recommendations be annually renewed. 5th. The General Assembly has enjoined on Presbyteries not only to see that collections are taken up yearly in all the churches, but to search out the needy and make the proper application in their behalf. 6th. It has been directed that any surplus funds may be invested as part of the permanent fund. 7th. The contributions of churches are to be reported each year, and the amounts placed in the column for "Disabled Ministers" in the Assembly's Minutes. 8th. The Trustees present to the General Assembly an annual report of the doings of their Committee, and their report is placed for examination in the hands of a standing committee appointed by the Moderator, so that the whole subject may be reviewed by the Assembly.

Is not the spirit of that command which stands at the head of this article now binding? Will the Presbyterian Church ever consent that her worn out ministers should be sent to the Almshouse, or that their widows and orphans should beg their bread? A thousand sympathizing hearts answer, "No. Their wants must be supplied."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

Rev. A. C. McCLELLAND, Cor. Secretary.

DAVID ROBINSON, Esq., Treasurer, Box 224, Pittsburgh, Pa.

WM. MAIN, Esq., Receiving Agent, 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

Review of the Month.

We do not feel that any flourish of trumpets is necessary to herald our coming in *The Record*. The retiring Secretary has kindly introduced us to its readers, and we are disposed to make our bow with but little parade, and as quietly as may be retire to our appropriate work.

Our present position was unsought, and unexpected, yet pleasantly offered. We accepted with diffidence, feeling that it had difficulties peculiar to itself; yet encouraged somewhat in having the cordial support of a *Committee* upon which our predecessor has written a eulogy, higher than which no like body of men need ever desire. May we have grace and wisdom not to disappoint their confidence. We have no new policy to propose; that which he and they have established, and which has hitherto worked so successfully, is satisfactory to us, and also we believe to the churches, so far as they have become enlisted in the work. Looking to the Master for help we expect quietly to persue this policy, and with the aid of the *Committee* to do what we can to engage our *whole Church* in a work unsurpassed, we think, in immediate and large success, by any other in which she is engaged.

FROM THE FIELD.

Tennessee—"Kuklux Scare."—An excellent coloured minister, with his teachers, just entering upon his work, has been sorely tried by this Southern institution. Threatened and warned again and again, fearing for their lives, he was almost ready to fly. But earnestly counselled to be of good courage and fear not, at latest writing he says, "I am happy to inform you that I have carefully and prayerfully considered the matter, and come to the conclusion to stand my ground and trust more to God." At this point is one of our very best schools, and they ask and need a third teacher.

Georgia.—Our coloured missionary at Atlanta writes, "The people at Dalton want a teacher very badly, and promise to support a teacher if I will get one for them. Some of the people are sending their children to Atlanta that they may be properly instructed. . . . I will go to Dalton in a few days to make arrangements to build a church. The elders say they cannot wait any longer for the Committee on Freedmen, but would be very thankful if they could help us." A lady, whose school now numbers eighty-six, writes, "I have had an addition of twenty-two since my last report. They begged so hard to be received that I could not have the heart to refuse them. . . . They generally come in groups of fourteen and twenty at a time. . . . I commence at seven in the morning, and teach till eleven or twelve at night." Of her neighbours she writes, "Alas, they are no friends of the poor freedmen. They look on me with contempt, and won't speak to me—have been heard to say I ought to be 'drove out of the country for teaching the blacks.'" This lady is the daughter of a deceased foreign missionary, whose praise is in all the churches.

South Carolina.—A coloured missionary at Charleston writes, "There is at

present quite an outpouring of the Spirit of God on James Island. Many that have been living for forty years or more in sin, are crying 'what shall I do to be saved?' . . . The scattered Presbyterians on Johns Island . . . all seem willing to help themselves. The women and children turned out *en masse* and carried the best part of 11,500 shingles about a mile . . . and the people are collecting money to put the building in complete order. . . . The Wallingford Church in this city is having a series of meetings, which have been well attended, and there are several souls that are hopefully converted, we trust, and will join the church shortly on profession of faith."

Our Treasury is in better condition than it was a year ago, yet so low, that while the door is wide open, the cry for more labourers *urgent*, and the proper season for extending our work just upon us, we cannot but hesitate to advance as the work demands; yet we feel that we *must* "go forward" at this call. To this we are encouraged in a measure by the increased liberality of our churches to this cause during the past year; and if hoped for aid from the *delinquent* shall come *soon*, we shall take *fresh* courage and go on our way rejoicing.

DONATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN IN AUGUST, 1869.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —First ch Schenectady	\$75 47	<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Wellsville ch	9 00
<i>Pby of Atlantic</i> —Wilmington coloured ch 35; Lumberton coloured ch 3 32; Pantherford coloured ch 4 60; Tarboro' coloured sch 2; John's Island coloured ch 49; Edisto Island coloured ch 2	86 92	<i>Pby of Washington</i> —New Cumberland ch	16 00
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Annapolis ch	13 00	<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —May's Landing ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Edwards ch	2 30	<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Chester ch 5; Wayne ch 6; Ber- lin ch 7	18 00
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Hermon ch	42 50	Total amount rec'd from Churches	\$912 67
<i>Ply of Catawba</i> —Brookville coloured sch 27 50; Greensboro' col'd ch and sch 39; Mebaneville coloured ch and sch 30; Mt Vernon coloured ch 5 80; Mocksville coloured sch 2 44; Mt Zion coloured sch 50 cts; White Hall coloured sch 4 90; Poplar Tent coloured sch 30 49; Glenn- ville coloured sch 6; Summit coloured sch 5 80; Rocky River coloured sch 11; Statesville coloured sch 2 50; Mt Tabor coloured sch 13; Catawba River coloured sch 15; Franklinton coloured ch 60 cts; Lewisburg coloured ch 1	195 44	MISCELLANEOUS.	
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Seventh ch Cincinnati	26 85	Annie Wheeling 10; "A Friend," Phila. Pa 1; Alfred Head, Esq. Scranton 39; Mrs L H Thes- ton, Cincinnati, Ohio 4	54 00
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —South Salem Sab-sch, special	12 00	Total receipts in August,	\$966 67
<i>Pby of Des Moines</i> —Columbia ch	1 00	Collections for BIDDLE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE.	
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Second ch Rahway	20 00	By Rev. W. L. Miller.	
<i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Libertyville ch	5 70	B Irwin, N Y 50; Cash, N Y 10; Cash, N Y 10; Cash, N Y 25; J N Halstead 25; Cash, N Y 15; Cash, N Y 25; J A Fraser, N Y 25; Rev W H Moore, Berlin, Conn 5; Cash, New Brittain, Conn 5; J Corbin, New Brittain, Conn 10; A P Collins, New Brittain, Conn 10; Henry Stanley, New Brittain, Conn 10; J Wiard, New Brittain, Conn 8; Cash, New Brittain, Conn 1; Chas Peck, New Brittain, Conn 5; C M Lewis, New Brittain, Conn 5; Springer Harbaugh, Pitts- burgh, Pa 20; W H Whitacre, Pittsburgh 10; Robert Dickey, Pittsburgh, Pa 5; James B Lyon, Esq., Pittsburgh, Pa 100; Geo B Singer, Pittsburgh, Pa 10; Geo Bingham, Pittsburgh, Pa 10; David Aiken, Pittsburgh, Pa 10; Isaac Snively, Pittsburgh, Pa 5; Cash, Pittsburgh, Pa 5; J Sampson, Allegheny City 10; Cash, Alle- gheny City 1; Cash, Allegheny City 2; B A Sampson, Allegheny City 5; Mrs Kerr, Alle- gheny City 10; Mrs Campbell, Allegheny City 1; Maggie Campbell, Allegheny City 30 cts; Judge Parke, Allegheny City 5; Rev Wm P Moore, Allegheny City 10; Mrs Moore, Alle- gheny City 2	
<i>Pby of Fayette</i> —First ch Lexington	2 00	By Dr. McLean.	
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —"P," Summit Hill ch	15 00	Lewistown 40 50; Miss R Gould, Norfolk, Va 29;	
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Wyandot 5 60; 1st ch Springfield 4 ¹)	45 60	Judge O M Dorman 10	70 50
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —First ch Trenton 85; 1st ch Princeton 25 34	110 34	Total collections,	\$353 80
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Mt Washington ch	6 00	D. ROBINSON, Treasurer, No. 78 Fourth Street, Pittsburgh.	
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Third Newark ch, add'l	3 00		
<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Belleville ch 1; Hayesville ch 1 75; from Wm Beer, Esq., Ashland ch 100	102 75		
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Bethel and Jacksonville chs	10 00		
<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —North Sangamon Sab-sch, special	50 00		

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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

First Sabbath in November.

Time for Annual Collection.

We remind our readers that the First Sabbath in November is the time appointed by the General Assembly for taking up the Annual Collection for the Board of Domestic Missions.

The receipts of the Board have as usual been very light during the last five or six months, and the payments which must be made before the end of November will very nearly if not quite amount to as much as is at present in the Treasury.

Since the first of March last, we have made *more than one hundred new appointments*, which will, of course, greatly increase the liabilities of the Board.

Availing ourselves of the opportunities afforded by the opening of various railroads in the far West, we are establishing new missions at important points which will be, for some time to come, *very expensive*.

Presbyteries from almost every part of the land are urgently calling for missionaries to occupy promising fields.

There is moreover a very general expectation and desire, in view of the prospective reunion of the two main branches of the Presbyterian Church, that the Board should devise and execute more liberal things than heretofore—that the Church should be more rapidly and largely extended.

In view of these things, the Board has already greatly enlarged its operations, and is earnestly desirous of undertaking and accomplishing much more. In order, however, to enable the Board to meet its already augmented liabilities and the wants and expectations of the Church, it is absolutely indispensable that its receipts should be largely increased. We trust that every pastor will present the claims of the Board fully and earnestly to his people, and exert all his influence to induce them to contribute promptly and liberally. We hope that every church will do what it can for this great cause; that not a single church member will fail to give according to his ability.

If all will do their duty faithfully, what a glorious future awaits the United Church; but if through our remissness and want of liberality, we should fail to improve the opportunities which God is so graciously affording us, what a sin and reproach it would be. Let us, by the grace of God, realize our augmented respon-

sibilities and enlarged privileges, and endeavour to the utmost of our ability to advance the interests of Christ's kingdom. Let the watchword be onward, onward for the glory of Christ, and the speedy evangelization of our land.

A Leaf in the Experience of a Missionary.

A pleasant ride of a few miles upon the railroad and we came to the village, where he was to branch off into the country. There was a circus in the village, and all the hotels were full. Asking for a bed at the hotel, the information was given that they would have to put three and four in a bed that night. Not enjoying the prospect, especially on a sweltering summer night, the missionary wandered around the village until, hearing of a Methodist family, he went and asked the privilege of sleeping on their parlor carpet or lounge.

The next morning a team came in to take him out to his appointment, twenty-one miles distant. The young man who came with the team apologized frequently because he had nothing better for the minister to ride in than a lumber wagon. About half way to their destination they came to a ferry. The ferryboat was on the opposite side, and the ferryman gone to dinner. In this emergency, the young men drew lots, as to who should swim across and bring the boat over. Passing through fields of wheat and corn without a fence, over breakings, and across beautiful rolling prairies, with here and there a "dug out," "sod-house," or "shanty," they drew near their destination about sundown. Passing over a knoll, and coming in sight of the house in the valley beyond, an old man was seen walking up and down, evidently anxiously looking for the return of the team with the minister. Upon arriving at the house, the family were all found dressed in their "Sunday clothes." The work had all been finished up and put away, that they might have time to enjoy to the utmost the presence and conversation of God's servant.

The aged mother, meeting the missionary at the door, welcomed him with streaming eyes, declaring that she had not slept the previous night, she was so excited for joy at the prospect of again beholding a Presbyterian minister. During the evening two or three of the neighbours came over a mile or two to see if he had come.

Sabbath morning dawned with a cloudless sky. About nine o'clock some teams commenced coming in, to enquire where the meeting was to be held. As the settlement was too new for either church or school-house, the services were to be held in a private house, four miles further on. Upon arriving at the place, which was a rough board shanty, perhaps twenty feet square, the interior without plastering or ceiling, was all in one room. For warmth, newspapers, religious, political, and pictorial were pasted over the walls, while iron and tin were hung conveniently around the stove.

A large blanket shawl hanging from the floor joist above, partitioned off one corner for a dressing-room, where the lady of the house was finishing her toilet, while the audience were gathering. Toilet completed, she came out, took down the shawl, and made it into a cushion for a rough board which had been placed over three chairs for a seat.

The people gathered from far and near. A lumber wagon with thirteen in—A man and wife on horseback—She, with simply a loose blanket thrown over her horse, rode with an ease and grace that would certainly have taken the premium at an Eastern fair. Then came a man dressed in a black broadcloth suit, and silk hat, walking and driving four oxen. Perched upon a board across the box of a

lumber wagon was his wife and child. And thus they came. More seats were needed. The table was carried out to make room, and more boards and wagon seats brought in and speedily filled, until sixty were crowded into that house.

Earnest attention to the sermon—a quickened interest as a few were banded together, a branch of the visible church of Christ, culminating in the solemn ordination and installation of the elder elect—made it a season never to be forgotten by those who were present.

Returning, three of the teams became lost upon the prairies, and for a time could not find their way home; so new was the country.

Monday morning before daybreak the missionary was on his way rejoicing at the privilege of bearing gospel consolations to those scattered members of Christ's fold.

In addition to stopping the breaking team for two days in getting the minister to and from the railroad, they tried to raise him twenty dollars in money. They paid him ten dollars. Upon his saying it was perhaps more than they ought to do in their circumstances, they replied, "No! No! It would be a disgrace and reproach to their new church, if they had not done this much. They only regretted their inability to do more."

Shall this settlement and others similarly situated, be deprived of the gospel because of their inability to sustain the minister?

They must, unless the Church in more favoured regions will enable the Board of Domestic Missions to send out and sustain suitable men.

Bethlehem Mission.

Dear Brother,—Since the meeting of organization, twelve members have been added, thus increasing our communicant membership to twenty-one. The number of attendants at our Sabbath services average about fifty. A number of these will unite with us at our next communion.

But the most encouraging signs of success are the Sunday-school, and the attendance and interest at the weekly lectures and prayer-meetings.

Toward the close of the month of April we commenced our school with eighteen scholars. We endeavoured so to impress these few that they all felt that the success of the school depended greatly upon them individually—upon their prayers and their labours. In consequence, they went to work with a will, labouring faithfully during the week, and on Sabbath afternoon bringing in their fruits; some introducing eight and ten new scholars at a time. During the past few weeks the attendance of scholars has been seventy-five; the number enrolled is, of course, considerably greater, but we prefer to count only the *regular attendance* from Sunday to Sunday. We have at present nine teachers, who endeavour to discharge their duties faithfully and conscientiously.

Concerning our weekly lectures and prayer-meetings, I would simply say, that the number in every case, save one, has exceeded our communicant membership. We have no cause to complain of the usual flagging of interest in these meetings during the heat of summer. All who come, appear thoroughly to enjoy these weekly gatherings, and we feel sure that God is making them instrumental in the production of much good, and in the building up of our church.

Our people are at present actively employed in collecting funds for the purchase of a lot, whereon we propose to erect, before winter sets in, a small, but neat temporary church building. For the present we assemble in the third story of the public school building in S—— B——. The place, as you may readily conjecture, is not favourable to the work—difficult and highly disagreeable of access, it is

quite surprising that so many have surmounted all obstacles and regularly attended the services. On each alternate Sabbath we have one service in the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association in B——. We may safely state, that once we are enabled to meet in a convenient house of our own, the cause will progress far more rapidly.

Concerning the state of religion among our little number, we can speak favourably thus far. The smallness of our number is in fact rather an *advantage*, since all can be more frequently reached in the discharge of pastoral duties; and then, each stirs up his brother to works of love; each singly feels that the responsibility rests upon a very few, and that *all* must bear a share of the burden, if we desire to entertain any hope of success. Thus our work for Jesus binds us together, and our faith in his word leads us to have *full* confidence, that in his sight, the day of small things will *not* be despised; that he will, *by his own power*, bring strength out of weakness. We are confident that he will strengthen us; yea, he will help us; yea, he will uphold us with the right hand of his righteousness. (Isaiah xli. 10.)

The field in which I labour is of very considerable extent: a large part of the community as yet attend no church, and give little or no heed to the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. Without, therefore, interfering with our sister churches, we may, with God's blessing, reap a rich harvest, if we but prove faithful to him and to his word.

Fraternally yours, J. A. R.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN SEPTEMBER, 1869.

SYNOD OF ALBANY. — <i>Pby of Albany</i> —Charlton ch. from the Ladies' Domestic Miss'y Soc'y 16;				
Rockwell's Falls ch 13 50; Corinth ch 2 30. <i>Pby of Troy</i> —Stillwater 1st ch 37 60	\$69 40			
SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY. — <i>Pby of Erie</i> —Petroleum Centre ch	63 00			
SYNOD OF BALTIMORE. — <i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Hagerstown ch	37 25			
SYNOD OF BUFFALO. — <i>Pby of Buffalo City</i> —Central ch, Buffalo	115 00			
SYNOD OF CHICAGO. — <i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Morris 1st ch, of which 8 15 from the Sab-sch 40. <i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Hanover ch 6 30	46 30			
SYNOD OF CINCINNATI. — <i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Greenfield 2d ch 15; Mission field of Rev S J Miller 10; Palace Hill ch 3 50; Waterloo ch 110	138 50			
SYNOD OF ILLINOIS. — <i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Princeton ch	27 10			
SYNOD OF IOWA. — <i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Princeton ch 4; Mt Union ch 4	8 00			
SYNOD OF KENTUCKY. — <i>Pby of Ebenezer</i> —Burlington ch, from J. M. Preston 30. <i>Pby of West Lexington</i> —Hopewell ch 20	50 00			
SYNOD OF MISSOURI. — <i>Pby of Lafayette</i> —Smithton ch 3 50; Otterville ch 5 10. <i>Pby of St Louis</i> —Salem Ger ch 10. <i>Pby of Southwest Missouri</i> —Carthage ch 8	26 60			
SYNOD OF NASHVILLE. — <i>Pby of Holston</i> —Pleasant Forest and Ebenezer chs	10 80			
SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY. — <i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Archibald German ch 3 50. <i>Pby of Newton</i> —Stillwater ch 30. <i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Terrytown ch 5 5; Rome ch 3 50	42 00			
SYNOD OF NEW YORK. — <i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Red Mills ch 49, of which 20 from the Sab-sch. <i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Scotchtown ch 106 42. <i>Pby of New York</i> —Palisades ch 102 56; Chelsea ch, add'l 13 53	262 51			
SYNOD OF OHIO. — <i>Pby of Columbus</i> —Circleville ch 60 95. <i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Muskingum ch 15	75 95			
SYNOD OF PACIFIC. — <i>Pby of California</i> —Santa Barbara ch 10. <i>Pby of Stockton</i> —Visalia ch 7	17 00			
SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA. — <i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Little Britain ch 26. <i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Jersey Shore ch 42; Orgevalle ch 8 57; Hamilton ch, Rohrsburg ch 4 43	83 00			
SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH. — <i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Congruity ch 40 25. <i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Pisgah ch 22; Licking ch 26 60. <i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Canonsburg ch				
23; Centre ch 69. <i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Uniontown ch 119 25	300 10			
SYNOD OF SANDUSKY. — <i>Pby of Maumee</i> —Mt Salem ch	10 00			
SYNOD OF WHEELING. — <i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Richmond ch 10. <i>Pby of Washington</i> —Washington 1st ch 99 36; West Alexander ch 134 45; Wheeling 1st ch 36; Frankfort Springs ch 9; Hookstown ch 31	319 81			
SYNOD OF WISCONSIN. — <i>Pby of Dane</i> —Rockville ch 6; Hurricane ch 1 50. <i>Pby of Winnebago</i> —Stockbridge (Indian) ch 3 50	11 00			
Total received from churches,	\$1,712 52			
LEGACIES. —Legacy of James Black, dec'd, late of Hopedale, Ohio 94; Legacy of James McVicker, dec'd, late of Montoir Co, Pa 90; Legacy of Miss Mary Davis, dec'd, late of Chester Co, Pa 100, less taxes 7 = 93; Estate of James Fleming, dec'd, late of Mercer, Pa 89	\$366 00			
MISCELLANEOUS.—“U P,” Sterling, Ill 400; W H H Niveling, Olivia, Blair Co, Pa 105; John Robinson, Wayne Co, Ill 1; “Theological Student,” Princeton, N J 5; Mrs Mary E Brown, Valparaiso, Ind 10; Wm Dodd, Low Point, Ill 7; “A Friend,” Stamford, Conn 10	538 00			
Total Receipts in September, 1869,	\$2,616 52			
CLOTHING.				
1 box from the Ladies' Society of Westfield ch. N J, valued at	\$225 00			
1 package stockings from a lady in Camden, N J, value not stated.				
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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTEOUS, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

Correspondence of the Secretary.

The University—Humble Beginnings—Rapid Progress.

SAN FRANCISCO, October, 1869.

The most interesting item that can be furnished to the *Record* from the Pacific coast is a notice of the University under the care of the Presbyterian Church in San Francisco. The Rev. Dr. Geo. Burrowes came out in 1859, being aided by the Board of Education. The beginning was humble enough, but that faithful Christian worker was determined that nothing should be left undone to obtain success, which diligence and patience could accomplish. The enterprise was commenced in a gloomy room in the basement of Calvary Church. With all the efforts that had been made by himself and the pastor, Dr. Scott, but four boys were present, one of them not yet six years of age. There was no property for a school, not even desks and other necessary fixtures, till fifty dollars were raised among gentlemen in Calvary Church to buy six old scarred desks and a black-board. The doctor used at prayers, for months, an old Bible which had been thrown aside as useless, in consequence of being damaged with dampness, and having lost its cover, one of a lot that had been sent to the Bible Society. When the school adjourned for the Christmas holidays, there were only eight pupils after seven weeks' effort. But the reputation of the school soon began to rise. At the close of the first session, in April, it had twenty-four pupils. And the examination then gave it at once a fixed standing. Governor Haight, and other leading gentlemen, were present, and determined to put the institution upon a good foundation. The sum of ten thousand dollars was obtained by subscription. A lot, one hundred and thirty-seven and a half feet square, well situated on the corner of Stockton and Geary streets, was bought. It was then a mere sandhill, and enough of the sand was removed to make room for the original building, which was forty by sixty feet and two stories high, containing one large study hall, accommodating about eighty single desks, with six recitation rooms on the second story. These rooms were all furnished with suitable fixtures of the best kind. The school entered the new building in February, 1861. The increase of students required additions to be made to this edifice during the next two years. The entire building there, as it now stands, is a neat, beautiful structure, forty by one hundred and twenty-eight feet, two stories high, painted and panelled to resemble brown stone. There are two large halls for study, "Senior" and "Junior" Halls, capable of accommodating one hundred and eighty students; ten recitation rooms; a philosophical hall, forty feet square, with furnace and fine apparatus; Kiepert's mural maps of ancient classical geography; and a neat observatory rising from the roof for the telescope. All the rooms have appropriate furniture of the best kind, and in the various rooms there are two hundred and forty feet in length of black-board four feet wide, in plaster on the wall. There is also a separate laboratory of brick, for teaching assaying and analytical chemistry. The basis of this success may be found in the constant effort to "please God" which governed the labours of the principal and his assistants. From the very first, the Bible was honoured, not only by daily reading, but by being kept on the table

all the day in view of the students. After the enlargement of the buildings, there was a copy of the Bible kept lying on the principal's table in each hall, and in the chapel; and under no circumstances were those three volumes removed from their places during the hours the students were in session, and many a prayer was offered for guidance and help within its walls, and that God would grant his Spirit for the conversion of the youth to him.

The Way to Success.

A new step in the advance of the institution will show to friends of education, in other parts of our country, the results of applying to the cause of the Lord, something of that enterprise which animates men of the world in their pursuits. The Hon. H. H. Haight, now Governor of the State, in looking about for means to advance its interests, directed his attention to the lands in the neighbourhood of the city, which were rising rapidly, with its growth, into value. In 1863 he made an arrangement by which a gentleman owning a large tract of land about five miles south of the centre of the city, within easy reach by street cars, wishing to enhance its value in the market, agreed with the trustees of the University that if they would secure the sale of two hundred and fifty lots, each one hundred by one hundred and twenty feet, at two hundred and fifty dollars each, on the payment to them of one-half the sum, viz., \$31,250, they would give deeds to the individual purchasers, and also give the trustees a deed for twenty-five acres in one body for educational purposes, and would turn over to said trustees the other half of that sum, viz., \$31,250, to be used in the erection of college buildings on the grounds. This fine property has been secured after much effort by the friends of the Institution; the handsome sum mentioned paid over to the trustees, and a building containing over thirty rooms erected on what is known as "University Mound," at a cost of twenty thousand dollars, to which future additions will be made.

"University Mound."

The site of the new building is a very beautiful one, looking eastward over the Bay of San Francisco, whose blue waters are whitened by many vessels, and over the neighbouring shore, with their dwellings, factories, and cultivated plots. An act of incorporation has been obtained. The title is not, as at first, in the Synod, but in a Board of Trustees, who are a close corporation. The act of incorporation requires that two-thirds of this Board shall be Presbyterians; and that if any other form of doctrine or worship is ever introduced into the college or university, the charter will be thereby annulled. The real estate now owned by the Board has become very valuable, and must continue to increase in value. Their property is now worth \$200,000 beyond any liabilities.

The University buildings in the suburbs will be devoted to instruction in the higher branches, and perhaps to theological classes. Students will reside on the grounds. Dr. Burrowes, who has returned after an absence of four years on account of health, will take the initiatory steps towards its development. The buildings in the city contain classes under the efficient care of the Rev. P. V. Veeder, with a corps of competent assistants.

Department in the City.

The numbers in attendance upon the classes in the department in the city has been about a hundred and sixty. Of these fifty are connected with the primary department. Students have been carried through the whole collegiate course.

The most interesting feature of this youthful institution is, that to San Francisco must be gathered representatives from all the nations which feel the influences of American institutions which stream forth hence. I saw among the faces in the

several classes a number that betokened European origin. The gold of California draws many from every part of that continent, and it has enriched many who have returned thither to reside, liberalized in sentiment, and possessing new powers to affect their fellow-countrymen.

Asiatic Students.

Yet the eye rests upon none with so much wonder and gratification in these forms, and in the seats of some of our Sabbath-schools, as upon the strangers from across the broad Pacific. Here is a remarkably gentlemanly young man from a city in the north of China, on the banks of the great Yangsz-Kiang river. He does not speak the dialect of the south, which are on the tongues of the other Chinese in this State. He is the son of an officer of the Imperial army, who was killed during the rebellion. The family fled. He found his way to Shanghai; thence to South America, France, England, and at length back here on his way homeward. He speaks our language well; reads and commits to memory large portions of the scriptures, and wishes to pursue English studies to fit himself for some post of usefulness in his native country. In other rooms you see faces, some of which are even further removed from our ideas of beauty than the Chinese, though they possess more vivacity and love of fun. These are Japanese. There have been fifteen of them in the college at various times. Some of them are refugees, connected with families of high rank which had espoused the side of the Tycoon in the civil war which was lately decided against him; and who here may acquire knowledge which will commend them to the favour of the new ruler of their country. Some of the young men who have studied here have returned to Japan. The fate of one of them was very sad. He was put in command of a vessel which in battle he was forced to abandon. As a penalty—it is thought by his friends undeserved—he was "permitted" to commit suicide by the *hari-kari*. Before leaving America he had expressed himself as in theory a Christian. The name Japan is one which we obtained from the Chinese. It means "the rising of the sun," the land toward the east from China. The presence of these students commences the fulfilment of many a precious promise of God; "For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same, my name shall be great among the Gentiles." How important the work of Christian education upon the shores where the extremes meet, and where the scenes of holy triumph in coming days, not remote we trust, will be glorious beyond what the Church has yet seen.

Other Schools for the Chinese.

The Rev. A. W. Loomis occupies the mission house built in connection with my missionary labours here. He maintains, with much devotedness and success, the work of preaching and teaching in the Chinese language. A school, held each evening in the week, gathers in a large room full of young men and boys. He is assisted by two American teachers. The exercises are occasionally varied by a lecture on astronomy, geography, &c. The school does much good, and is an important aid in drawing out the Chinese to the religious meetings. The Chinese schools, &c., are visited with great interest by the strangers coming here upon the Pacific Railroad, who generally leave them with favourable impressions of the intelligence, docility, and industry of the pupils.

A Noble Testimony.

A brother in the ministry, who owes his position in the Church to the assistance which this Board gave him in obtaining an education, and who has in a far South-

western State been labouring diligently for a Master who richly recompensed his toils, has furnished some account of them, from which the following extracts are made:—

"By invitation I took charge of a church as stated supply for one year. During that year there was much religious interest in that county, and there were added to the A—— church over sixty persons by profession.

"I was encouraged by the large accessions to the church during my stay, as also by the interest of Bible and catechetical classes as shown in the attendance of the youth and children upon them.

"For a while I assisted a couple of lads in their studies, who came to my room daily for recitation. A young brother, a candidate for the ministry, by the advice of Presbytery, was under my instruction for a while previous to attending the seminary. His attention during the time was mainly given to Hebrew.

"In my present field I preach in the afternoon of each Sabbath, when the days are sufficiently long, to large and attentive congregations of coloured people. There have been added to the churches where I have had charge, during my stay with them, near two hundred persons by profession and over sixty by letter."

The Student become Missionary.

A student whom the Church assisted, through the Board of Education, to qualify himself to be a herald of salvation, was not satisfied to sound the glad tidings in these old streets, but went forth where men had never heard them, but where the despotism of hell is most strong and most terrible. He bears testimony that the Lord is with him to make him strong, and to be gracious to him. He writes thus from a field in Southern Asia:—

"I have had good success in learning the language of this people. I began to preach in one year and a half after arriving. The most of my time has been spent in the study of the language. I have not yet seen much fruit; but have great encouragement to persevere. The Lord has been very gracious to us thus far. He has heard and answered our prayers; and why should we not continue to trust in him. This field is one full of encouragement. The people are anxious to receive books; and to listen to preaching; and the Spirit can open their minds to receive the truth."

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN SEPTEMBER, 1869.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Little Falls ch	\$40 40	<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Spring Garden ch Sab-sch	11 96
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Beaver Falls ch	36 70	<i>Pby of Paducah</i> —Princeton ch	20 00
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Murraysville ch	20 15	<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Rehoboth ch	36 25
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Mechanicsburg ch	21 10	<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Bethel and Jacksonville ch	15 00
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —First ch Chillicothe	25 25	<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —West Liberty ch	5 80
<i>Pby of Dane</i> —Rockville ch	6 00	<i>Pby of St Louis</i> —Salem Ger ch	17 87
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Marietta ch 29 10; Chancery ch 25	54 10	<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Rome ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Plainfield 1st ch 20; Elizabeth ch, by Mrs R L Smyth, 100	120 00	<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Steubenville 2d ch 57; Ridge ch 8	65 00
<i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Troy ch	8 20	<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Cross Creek ch	27 50
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Lower Tuscarora ch	78 16		\$789 30
<i>Pby of Logansport</i> —Bethlehem ch	3 00		
<i>Pby of Lafayette</i> —Lexington 1st ch	18 00		
<i>Pby of Madison</i> —Graham ch	3 15		
<i>Pby of Milwaukee</i> —Beloit 1st ch	62 00		
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Stillwater ch	30 00		
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Nyack 1st ch	7 00		
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Yellow Creek ch 6 50; Salem ch 14 21	20 71		
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Mt Washington ch 6; Pittsburgh 4th ch 19 75	25 75		
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —New Paris ch 4 25; Camden ch 4	8 25		

MISCELLANEOUS.
John Robinson, Wayne Co, Ill 1; S B E, Phila 5;
Rev P Hassinger, Aviston, Ill 45; Interest, in
part, John Means' estate, Allegheny Co, Pa
238 289 00

Total amount acknowledged, \$1,078 30

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Recent Intelligence.

ADMITTED TO THE CHURCH.—Two more Laos have been baptized at Chiengmai; at Murree, India, one was received to the church in August; and in the same month, four were received at Brotas.

DEPARTURE OF MISSIONARIES.—Rev. George S. Bergen, who had been at home on a short visit, sailed with his wife, from New York, Sept. 25th, for India. Rev. Leighton W. Eckard and wife embarked at San Francisco, Oct. 4th, for China. Mr. Eckard is a graduate of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, and was ordained as an Evangelist by the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia. He will be stationed in the Shantung Mission. Mr. Eckard is a son of Rev. J. R. Eckard, D.D., of La Fayette College, Easton, Pa.

ARRIVALS.—Rev. C. Carothers and wife arrived at their station at Yokohama, July 27th. Rev. Augustus Brodhead of Allahabad and Miss Catharine L. Beatty of Dehra, India, arrived at New York, Sept. 8th. Miss Beatty's health is still feeble. She leaves the mission field with great regret, and her loss to the cause is equally regretted by her fellow-labourers and her pupils. Her earnest devotion to her work and her self-denial in it will be long remembered by those whom she guided and instructed.

DEATHS IN INDIA.—It is with pain we report to the churches the removal from earth of two missionaries. Miss Emma Walsh left this country last year with her mother and sister for Allahabad, and reached that city in November. She was just ready to begin work in the school when she was called away. She had not been very well for some little time, but no fears were excited until a few hours before her death; when she became delirious and died, August 15th. On the next day, Rev. Alexander Henry was called to his rest at Lahor. He had recently passed through Amritsar where the cholera was raging with fearful power. On Sabbath evening he preached with great fervor. Next morning he did not feel well, but intended going to the college with his colleague, Rev. C. B. Newton; he was persuaded to remain quiet at his home. On Mr. Newton's return he found him suffering from extreme weakness, cholera in its worst forms soon manifested itself, and in spite of medical skill he died before two o'clock, P. M. That night he was buried. Mr. Henry was one of the hardest workers on the field, and though he had been in India less than six years, he was considered "one of the foremost men" of the mission. His loss is greatly deplored by all who knew him. He leaves a widow and six little children. Many at home will feel for these and the other stricken ones, and will remember them at a throne of grace.

Some of the native Christians at Lahor have been attacked with cholera, and a wife of a native teacher has died. Mr. C. B. Newton was also seized, but at last accounts he was recovering.

MISSIONARY TOURS.—Rev. E. N. Pires writes of an interesting tour he had made to Sorocaba and vicinity, where he found several families interested in the truth and circulating the Scriptures among relatives and friends. Rev. R. Lenington at the request of one living one hundred and twenty miles from Brotas, went to his village and found four families containing some twenty persons who had abjured Romanism. They were accustomed to meet together and read the Bible. The way is open for successful work among them if the worker could but be found.

NATIVE PASTORS.—The attention of missionaries and native churches is turning more to a regular pastorate. This is peculiarly so in the Furrukhabad Mission. Soon most of the churches in this mission will have native pastors, supported in whole or in part by themselves. Mynpurie and Furrakhabad have already initiated measures for this end, and their subscriptions, for their numbers and means, are very liberal.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.—This is also engaging the attention of native Christians, and is in some degree acted upon in different places. Rev. J. F. Ullmann writes of the church at his station making a collection “every first day of the week,” and the election of a deacon to take charge of it.

A REQUEST.—Rev. S. Dodd of Hangchow wishes correspondents “not to put Hangchow on the outside of their letters at all,” as such are often sent to Hong Kong or Han-Kow, but to send letters to him or others at that station, to the care of Rev. J. M. W. Farnham, Shanghai, who will forward them.

LETTERS RECEIVED TO OCTOBER 14TH.—From Little Traverse, Chippewa, September 30th; Omaha, September 7th; Creek, September 27th; Navajo, September 3d; San Francisco, October 2d; Bogota, August 14th; Rio de Janeiro, August 24th; Sao Paulo, September 3d; Brotas, August 5th; Japan, August 26th; Canton, August 16th; Ningpo, August 17th; Hangchow, August 13th; Shanghai, August 19th; Tungchow, August 9th; Peking, August 4th; Bangkok, July 15th; Allahabad, August 21st; Furrukhabad, August 6th; Mynpurie, August 20th; Sabathu, July 24th; Lahor, August 18th; Muree, August 30th.

Collections from November to May.

As most of the congregations make their annual collections for Foreign Missions from November 1st, onwards, we desire to lay before them the following statements.

1. Since the first of May, the Board has sent out to *China* one minister and his wife, and one minister has returned to that country; to *Japan*, a minister and his wife, besides a missionary physician returning; to *India*, two ministers and two female teachers, besides a minister and his wife returning; to *Brazil*, a minister and his wife returning, and a female teacher, accompanied by another female teacher to be engaged in the same work, though she is not connected with the Board. And in a few weeks three ministers and their wives, one or two female teachers, besides a minister and his wife returning, will be on their way to *China*. Thus the Board has gone forward as directed by the last General Assembly, sending out all the missionaries under appointment at the time of the Assembly's meeting.

2. Several applications for appointment as missionaries have been made to the Executive Committee since the meeting of the General Assembly, and urgent appeals have been received for more labourers in some of the missionary fields. An application is now under consideration for the forming of a new mission among some remnants of Indian Tribes in the Southwest, and there has been correspondence concerning a new mission among Indians in Arizona. The Committee, however, do not yet feel authorized to incur new expenses to any large extent, as will appear from—

3. The financial condition of the Board. The average expenditure per month is over \$27,000. The receipts of the first five months of the current year, to October 1st, have been \$54,207, from all sources. These receipts are about \$12,400 more than the sum received in the same months of last year; usually the receipts

of the Board in the summer months are light. As the expenses of the missions are now larger than in any former year, there is need of earnest effort on the part of the churches in the remaining months of the year to provide the funds that will be required to the first of May next.

4. The general state of the missions is such as to call for the thanksgiving of the people of God, and also for enlarged efforts in their support. The last Annual Report of the Board, which has been sent to all our ministers, will, of course, be consulted when they come to lay this cause before their congregations. We think it will abundantly show that the work is great and growing; and the intelligence given in the missionary periodicals each month since the Report was made is in the same line—encouraging, and pointing onward. There is need of earnestness, and faith, and prayer. The myriads of the heathen, now within easy reach of our evangelizing labours, are not standing still, but going forward to death, judgment, and eternity. And is not our blessed Lord still seeking their salvation by the labours of his people?

The Support of Missions.

To secure the zealous co-operation of all our Christian people is a thing greatly to be desired. The means now in use are scriptural and accord well with the distinctive features of our Church. The support of this cause is prompted by the grace of God in the hearts of his people. Their active piety in this respect is to be fostered mainly by the use of the ordinary means of grace, as enjoyed in our churches. This places the cultivation of the grace of praying, of giving, and of personal consecration to the work, chiefly in the hands of pastors and other office-bearers; to aid them in the fulfilment of this duty, and to aid parents in training their children to take an intelligent interest in the work of missions, the periodicals of the Board are sent free to ministers and Sabbath-schools. The superintending care of Church Sessions, Presbyteries, Synods and General Assemblies, forms an important feature of the means by which a missionary spirit may be promoted, and is capable of widely-extended and effective application. The watchful use of such providential or occasional opportunities as may be presented by the going forth or the return of missionaries, monthly concert and anniversary services, should not be omitted. Above all, the influences of the Holy Spirit should be sought without ceasing, to give efficacy to the means used. This is an outline view of the agency now employed for promoting the interests of this cause among the churches. These means have not been used in vain. For thirteen years only such means as these have been used, the plan of employing agents or secretaries for the collection of funds having been discontinued in 1854; and in these years as compared with the preceding period of thirteen years, there has certainly been a great increase of liberality to this cause—an increase all the more encouraging, inasmuch as the ratio of the increase of church members was much greater in the former than in the latter period. The Committee deplore the fact that so many of the churches are non-contributing, and so many of the members of the churches in which collections are made seem to regard them with little interest. If in this respect our missionary agencies, like the divinely appointed preaching of the gospel itself, fail to reach the hearts of far too many, it is a reason of deep regret, and a plea for greater humility before God, and greater earnestness in seeking the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our Christian people, in the line of their greater devotedness to the work of missions.

The Committee desire to commend this cause to the hearts of all their Christian brethren, as one that should rest on their deepest religious principles and experi-

ence, and as one that is now calling for greatly enlarged efforts, to give the gospel to nations that are sitting in darkness and the shadow of death. If the piety of the Church respond to the call of Providence and of the Word and Spirit of God, then will missionaries be sent forth in large number, their work will be well sustained, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, to make the gospel message effectual unto salvation, will soon cause Pentecostal seasons to be witnessed among these nations.

—*Annual Report, 1868.*

Missionary Work at Mynpurie, India.

BY THE REV. J. M. ALEXANDER.

At our last annual meeting, held at Saharanpur, I was transferred from Allahabad to Mynpurie, to take the place of Rev. B. D. Wyckoff, who, on account of ill health, was obliged to go to America. I arrived here with my family about the middle of February, a few days before Mr. Wyckoff left on his return. At that time the weather was delightful, and we were able at once to enter with vigour upon our work. As much has been written about Mynpurie, I will not enter into particulars now, but will reserve these for a future letter. Our little church here is composed of less than twenty members. At our last communion, the first Sabbath in April, three were received into the church—all children of the catechists. We expect to hold our next communion one week from next Sunday; and hope at that time to receive into the church the wife and daughter of a native Christian policeman. They have been enquirers for some time, and twice presented themselves for examination, but we advised them to wait, as their examination was not entirely satisfactory. May God pour out his Spirit upon us, and may we find others inquiring the way to be saved. Since I came here we have had very good opportunities of preaching to the people. On three different occasions we have been permitted to preach to large crowds. The first was in April at a large "mela," held at the "Debi" (the name of a Hindu goddess). This place is almost two miles from the mission house. There we, with our assistants, preached to large crowds, and, as this was a mela to which many women go, this poor, benighted and oppressed class were permitted for the first time, perhaps, to hear the gospel. We always feel that where we can reach the women we are accomplishing something more than usual; for, except in the

small villages, it is only on such occasions as these that they are allowed to leave their houses, or indeed to be seen.

The second opportunity for preaching to large crowds was in the latter part of May and first half of June, when hundreds assembled at the "Opium Agency" here, for the purpose of making over to Government the opium they collected during the year. These people came from all parts of the Mynpurie, Etawah and Futtehgurh districts, and almost all from small and out-of-the-way villages. They are very simple-hearted, and appeared to hear the gospel gladly. It was indeed a pleasure and blessed privilege to point out to them the way to eternal life. They seemed interested in the simple truth, and we may hope that the seed sown will, in due time, spring up and bear fruit.

Just at present there is a large crowd near the Raja's residence, assembled for the celebration of his sister's wedding. The followers of these native Rajas are generally hard characters, and so we have found them in this case. We have attempted to preach to them, but have been fiercely opposed by the Brahmins and others. This morning I accompanied the catechists to this camp, but as soon as we commenced to speak of Christ, the Brahmins began to argue and ask questions, and even went so far as to say that we spoke falsely. But this opposition we must expect to meet with, and the deceitfulness of the people we must make up our minds to endure. In our intercourse with the natives of this country we are often forcibly struck with the deceitfulness of the human heart. We meet with persons every day who, from all outward appearances, are favourably disposed to missions and missionaries, and we could almost suppose they were ready to receive the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. Yet, if we could look into their hearts we would find them entirely at enmity with Christ and his cause.

These people in order to gain a little money will not scruple at any time to tell a falsehood. As an illustration of this, the other day when in the city I was accosted by an individual who inquired how long it would take him to get a good knowledge of English, and if I would teach him. I asked him if he could read and write his own language. He said he could, but fearing he was trying to deceive me, I told him to first gain a good knowledge of his own language, and then it would be time enough to study English. This man turned out to be a poor, ignorant, wandering fakir, having no knowledge at all, and his only object in asking me to teach him English was that he thought by so doing he would please me and I would give him some money. This I learned afterwards.

Often we have persons come to us as inquirers seeking the Saviour. We are rejoiced of course to see them. But very often this first visit is their last, as they learn that there is little probability that the mission will support them if they become Christians, so are content to remain in heathenism. As an illustration of this, I will mention the case of a young man who came to us about two months and a half ago, saying that having heard the gospel, he was desirous of hearing more of it as he was convinced of its truth, and after having received instruction he would be ready to be baptized. At this time the young man was engaged in teaching a village school, receiving his pay from Government, but he said if he became a Christian he would lose his place, as he received his pay according to the number of pupils he had in the school, and the Hindus would stop sending their children if he became a Christian. We were not able to tell him, that the mission could find work for him and support him if he became a Christian. So that is the last we have heard of him. God only knows how much he is convinced of the truth of Christianity. If he truly loves the Lord Jesus and desires to be his, he can surely have faith enough to believe that he will be provided for, although he knows not from whence it is to come. God grant that this young man may yet embrace Christ as his Saviour. Of course, we do not always have such cases. There are already many noble examples in the mission of those who made great sacrifices in a worldly sense, when they became followers of Christ, and they would not exchange their present situations

for the riches and position of a prince without the riches of God's grace. May we not hope that the day is not far distant when Hindustan will become leavened with the precious truths of the gospel, and these dry bones will be raised up to life.

I must not close without telling you about the girls' schools under Mrs. Alexander's care. These schools are in advance of all the girls' schools in this part of India, having been established in 1863. While they have priority of age they are certainly in advance of others in scholarship. There are seven schools besides the normal school. In these schools about two hundred are learning to read. Some have made very rapid progress, and the day is not far distant when many now learning to read will be ready to take charge of schools. The Zanana work is very encouraging here. Mrs. Alexander has visited the families of some rich natives and has been very kindly received. When she has the means and assistance, numbers of houses can be entered. God is thus opening up the way for the evangelization of India. We will reap if we faint not, for He is faithful who has promised.

Chow Yuen, China.

August 5th, 1869.

Chow Yuen lies in a fertile valley, fifty miles southwest of Tungchow. Like most cities of North China it has seen better days; now, however, it bears the marks of decay common to everything here. It is the capital city of the district, and its dingy old stone wall still affords protection to the people of the surrounding country, when bands of robbers come. It has frequently been visited by missionaries and native preachers, but it has never heretofore been made a regular preaching place. Last winter a young man from a neighboring district was converted, and partly of himself, and partly through the exhortations of others of the native Christians, he conceived the idea of establishing himself here as a preacher—not paid by the mission, but giving himself gratuitously to the work. His name is Meavu, a young man of fair education and good mind, and one who belongs to a class which may be fairly characterized as the Young America of this region. His acquaintances are extensive, and are generally of the most energetic and enterprising kind. It is true that he is

but young in Christian knowledge and experience, and has, besides, some defects that we could wish improved, yet if God has inspired him with zeal and faith to undertake such an enterprise, shall we with timid prudence discourage and restrain? Nay, let us rather encourage and assure him, leaving with God the progress and issue of the enterprise. We have far more cause to fear stolid and selfish indifference than extravagant enthusiasm.

Mrs. Mateer and I came out here two weeks ago to spend some time during the vacation in our school. We have had hosts of visitors all the time. Many of them professed to desire to hear the gospel, and a large number showed a very unusual degree of interest. I have made the acquaintance of nearly all Meau's friends here. I find they all know more or less of the gospel, but none of them, I fear, have felt its power. They are willing to learn, however, and some of them are ready to commit themselves to Christianity in a remarkable way. Meau came here a short time since, and went to work of his own accord and in his own way. He hoped in the first instance to raise the means here among those who are friendly to the gospel, to establish himself in all that he needed. Indeed, a number of them promised to support him; but, alas! he only imperfectly appreciated that they were the promises of those who, as yet, love not the Lord Jesus Christ. It is, however, a notable sign of progress that men in the circumstances which exist here in China should be found ready to invite the gospel to come in and to promise to support it, as also that the faith and enterprise of a Chinese Christian should stir up such things, and be ready to act on them. However the final result may disappoint the hopes of this youthful Christian, his faith and devotion are none the less worthy of admiration, putting to shame, as they do, many of those who have far higher privileges than he. He has, after no small trouble, succeeded in renting, temporarily, a part of an unoccupied pawnbroker shop for a chapel, and his friends have united and presented him with quite a fine signboard in gilt letters to hang in front of his chapel, and another for the back of the preacher's stand; on one is inscribed, "The Holy Sect of Christ," and on the other, "The good news of the heavenly doctrine."

To give the matter more publicity and tangibility he determined to do,

what every Chinaman does, when he begins any business, make a feast and invite his friends. Some eighteen or twenty were present, and after the entertainment a sort of meeting was held. I made a brief statement of what Christianity is, what this enterprise means, and what is Meau's relation to the matter. I stated distinctly that the mission would pay for the chapel, but Meau would work gratuitously, except so far as he might be assisted by voluntary contributions. They all subscribed to help the work, raising a sum not only covering the expenses of the entertainment, but leaving a considerable margin to go to Meau's assistance. Two members of the church in Tung-chow were present, and in the evening after the feast we had a prayer-meeting. I gave the young evangelist some exhortation and advice, and we all commended him and his enterprise to God with earnest prayer.

A considerable feeling has existed for some months among the native Christians that the gospel, in order to permanent and wide spread success, must become self-sustaining, but this has been the first practical exponent of the idea. God grant that this young man's faith and zeal may not fail, and that many others may be found who will imitate his example! The vigorous development of this idea is the hope of the Church in China, and we cannot but regard this first step as a propitious omen of the future. Several others are already following, to some extent, in this young man's steps, and the blessing of God is with them. What wisdom we need to show these men the way, restraining their extravagancies on the one hand, and yet not damping their zeal on the other! I go home impressed more than ever with the thought that God can easily raise up men from among this people—call them and fill them with his Holy Spirit, who will most effectually and speedily fill the land with the sound of the gospel. For this let us pray.

C. W. M.

Waldensian Mission at Venice.

From the last "Annual Report of the work of Evangelization in Italy, presented to the Venerable Synod meeting at Torre Pellice, May 18th, 1869," we translate the following extract. The Report is filled with details of the missionary work of the Vaudois Evangelical Church, which is generally in a most encouraging condition.

At Venice the soil seems to be better prepared than at most places to receive the seed of the gospel. Our zealous labourer, Rev. Mr. Combe, concurs with a modern writer that the people of Venice are "gentle and more religiously inclined" than most others. He thus speaks of the work:—

"The meetings are usually numerous, especially on the Sabbath. We may estimate the number of persons attending with greater or less regularity at from 300 to 400. The actual number of communicants, after deducting a few who have died, or who have left Venice, or who have been excluded from the church, is 220. We have received this year, from the month of April 1868, to April 1869, 68 new members, chosen from three times as many catechumens. The children of evangelical parents are from 120 to 140. The schools contain 77 pupils. Our staff of teachers consists of four persons. Mr. Forneron, particularly, deserves our commendation; for to his indefatigable activity we owe the success of the school, the exercises of chanting, at the holidays or the receptions given to the scholars, to awaken their zeal for instruction, and the very useful lessons by the Society of Christian Union among young people. The Sunday-school counts 65 scholars.

"Since the dedication of our new place in the palace of Cavagnis, at the beginning of this year, the members of the church have began to contribute regularly for our work. In the first three months of the year, we received in this way the sum of about 450 francs (nearly \$100), of which two-thirds, it ought to be said, came from the kindness of Protestant strangers who sometimes were present at our services. Our church provides by these collections for all the expenses of public worship and of the schools, excepting the salaries of the pastor and the teachers. We ought to mention moreover the existence of a fund for the relief of the poor, which receives each year some hundreds of francs.

"There exists amongst us a Society, which has the name of the Union of evangelical young persons of Venice. It is put in relation with societies of the same kind in Italy and abroad. Let us report in addition that some friends of the Mission in Venice have authorized us to found a superior institute for young girls.

"We enjoy concord and peace: worship is generally observed, whether it be in the families or in the church."

Candidates for the Ministry in France.

In two theological schools, one at Paris, the other at Geneva, a number of young men are preparing for the ministry in connection with evangelical churches. We translate the first paragraph that follows from the last Report of the Central Protestant Society of Evangelization, Paris, and the second from the last Report of the Evangelical Society of Geneva.

"In regard to the Preparatory School of Theology, out of six candidates who applied at the Sorbonne, five succeeded, four with flattering notice. Let us mention that our school has received from its origin one hundred and twenty-three pupils, seventy of whom are in the ministry, thirty are in the advanced studies, and twenty-three are in the course of study in the House.

"One cannot too highly estimate the services rendered to our Reformed Church by this Preparatory School of Theology. For want of pastors important churches remain vacant for years. Help us to procure them; send us young men ready to respond faithfully to the appeal of the Master; contribute to the material support of our school. Never was such an appeal more timely, or better justified by circumstances; already, blessed be God, it has been heard, and encouraging evidences lead us to hope that soon the progress of this institution will be assured."

In the Geneva School of Theology—"Instruction has been attended this year by a considerable number; omitting those who attended but a few months or weeks, the number of students was fifty-five, of whom twenty-eight were in the theological classes, sixteen in the preparatory, and eleven were candidates, or students on trial for commission. This is the largest number that has ever been in attendance. The average attendance has been increasing; from 1840 to 1860, it varied between thirty and forty; from 1860 to 1868, between forty and fifty; to-day, for the first time, it exceeds this limit. . . .

"We have reserved for this place the name of a young Spaniard, M. Carrasco, of Malaga." [This young man was an exile from his country for his religion. He was led to pursue his studies for some time at Geneva. Within the last year, he received ordination in Switzer-

land, and now he is preaching the gospel in Madrid, and making visits for the

same purpose to Valladolid, Malaga, and other places.]

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN SEPTEMBER, 1869.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Charlton Sab-sch 6; Carlisle ch 20; Sab-sch 3 = 23; Esperance ch 10, Sab-sch 5 = 15 \$44 00

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny City*—Muddy Creek ch 15. *Pby of Beaver*—Second ch Beaver Falls 15. Sab-sch 4, for boys' sch. Chefoo, China = 19; Mt Pleasant Sab-sch, for boys' sch., Chefoo, China 3. *Pby of Erie*—Salem ch, to con Sam'l White *Life Member* 34; Cool Spring ch, to con Rev Sam'l Brownian and William Jeffries *Life Members* 61; Fairfield ch 15; Park ch Sab-sch, for Shantung Mission 59 202 00

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SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Indianapolis*—First ch Franklin 20. *Pby of Vincennes*—Sullivan ch 7; 2d ch Vincennes Sab-sch, for Pekin 9 36 00

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Summit Sab-sch 22 50

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Ebenezer*—Burlington ch, James M Preston 50 00

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of St Louis*—Fulton Ger ch, Ladies' Assoc 15. *Pby of Southwest Missouri*—Urbania ch 7 22 00

SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.—*Pby of Holston*—Greenville and Tusculum College Sab-sch 5 00

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—Cream Ridge Sab-sch 4. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—First ch Plainfield 45, Sab-sch, for Fultehurg 30 = 75. *Pby of Luzerne*—Wilkesbarre ch Miss Sab-sch 10. *Pby of Monmouth*—Port Washington ch 14. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Dutch Neck ch 50; Cold Spring Sab-sch 5. *Pby of Newton*—Stillwater ch 30. *Pby of Passaic*—Wickliffe ch 10 72; 1st ch Morristown, L B Ward 200; 1st ch Rutherford Park, mo con 15 37. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Rome ch 3 50; Terrytown ch 3; Barclay Sab-sch 7. *Pby of West Jersey*—Woodbury ch 57 10 484 69

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SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Marion*—Mt Gilead Sab-

seh for Tungchow 8 08; Whetstone Sab-sch 1 52. *Pby of Wooster*—Keene ch 21 60; Millersburg ch 25; Jackson Sab-sch 23 40; East Aurora Sab-sch 2 60 82 20

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Oregon*—Eugene City Sab-sch 20; N M Geary, Albany, Oregon 20 40 00

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Stateville ch 86; Chancery ch 81 70. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Curwintown ch 34 65; Two individuals 35; Spruce Hill ch mo con 7 30; Benlach ch 12 25. *Pby of New Castle*—First ch Wilmington, Del, A Friend 10; Forks of Brandywine ch, Miss Rachel Templeton 10. *Pby of Northumberland*—Lycoming ch, for Miss Thompson's exp 54. Sab-sch for sup of Dunc. Nath 46 = 584; Roilsburg Fem Miss Socy 8 24; Margaret J Berlin's Missy Box 1 06; Hannah R Patterson's Missy Box 79 cents. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Seventh ch, special, from Miss C H, to assist in sending new Missionary 50. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Rev James Clark, D D 50. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Chestnut Hill ch 140; Abington ch, mo coll 38 12; Falls of Schuylkill ch 11; Brainard Sab-sch, Easton 50 78 1,212 80

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Ohio*—Bethel ch 86; Long Island church 18 40; Bethany ch Male Miss Socy 57. Female Miss Socy 34 20 = 91 20; Central ch Sab-sch, Pittsburgh 35 61. *Pby of Redstone*—Connellsville ch 110 80; West Newton ch 6; Rehoboth ch 2. *Pby of Saltsburg*—Saltsburg ch 157 10; Indiana ch, Col Thos Laughlin 20 527 11

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SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Yellow Creek ch 36 54, Sab-sch 10 25 = 46 79; 1st ch Sab-sch, New Lisbon 32 38. *Pby of Steubenville*—Minerva ch 10; Corinth ch 20. *Pby of St Clairsville*—Graysville ch 3; Nottingham ch 101; Rock Hill Sab-sch 10 23; Concord ch 77 90, Sab-sch 9 85 = 87 75; Bethel ch 17 21, Sab-sch 9 29 = 26 50. *Pby of Washington*—First ch Washington 17 65; 1st ch Wheeling 36 12; Claysville ch 5 95. *Pby of West Virginia*—Sugar Grove ch, Mrs E Shafer 2 399 37

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Milwaukee*—First ch Beloit 91 50

Total receipts from churches, \$5,078 67

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Bread Cast upon the Waters.

The Rev. Sheldon Jackson, writing from the "far West" to the Secretary of the Board, says:—

"The package of your little books and tracts, sent to Brother Hughes at Corinne, Utah, was very acceptable. I had passed station after station on the Pacific Railroad where the people were without any religious preaching or reading, and my heart was heavy for them. I was prepared then to appreciate the Board's tracts, which I found in Brother Hughes' tent. I took many of them with me on my trip to Helena, leaving some at each of the fifty stage stations on the route, where driver and horse abode under the same log roof, at once a protection from the storms and the savages. I felt that it was like 'bread cast upon the waters,' and continually prayed that fruit might result."

The Board has been sending considerable supplies of small volumes and tracts to a number of missionaries along and near the line of the Pacific Railroad, and will very soon send further supplies to any points where there is reason to believe that they will be judiciously used for the good of souls, and the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. Are there not Christian friends who will send the Board contributions to aid it in bearing the expense of these distributions?

An Appeal from Sitka.

As our country expands, the demands upon the treasuries of our Boards are likewise increased. One of the deacons of the New York Avenue church, in Washington, D. C., is at present in Sitka, Alaska, being connected with the service of the United States Government. In a letter just received from him, he states that they have a Sunday-school of thirty-three children, fifteen Russian, and eighteen American, with eight teachers. He adds:—

"I wish we had some Sunday-school books here. They are much needed, and I believe that great good would be derived from them, as the only books we have are Bibles. If you can forward a donation of books, they will be most gratefully received."

The Board earnestly desires to send at once a suitable Sabbath-school

library, in response to this appeal. Is there not some Christian reader of the *Record*, who will send the Board the funds requisite for making this first donation to Alaska?

A Destitute Locality Supplied.

The Board recently sent at the request of a laborious missionary, a donation of Sabbath-school books to a Mission Sabbath-school in Wisconsin. The missionary acknowledges the receipt of the books in the following terms:—

"The books have been safely received. The locality in which the school has been organized is very destitute indeed. The young men often spend their Sabbaths in pitching quoits, the older people in visiting or in ordinary labour. For the most part they are destitute of any preaching worthy of the name."

"I am profoundly thankful that through the agency of the Board of Publication a wholesome literature is placed in the hands of the children. They regard their new library as a magnificent affair. When I told them I would try to get them some books, they expected to receive old books from some Sabbath-school. They were highly delighted when they found they were perfectly new. They had begun a Sabbath-school without any library whatever, and were trying to raise a little money to get some Sabbath-school papers. When I gave them the books, they determined at once to send for the Sabbath-school Visitor. Would that the Board were able to send its publications to all such destitute places. J. M. R."

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

- I. *Pomponia*; or, The Gospel in Caesar's Household. By Mrs. Webb, author of "Alypius of Tagaste." 16mo. Price, \$1.40.

This exceedingly interesting narrative describes the way in which the leaven of Christianity worked and spread among the people in the days of its early purity and power. The scene is laid partly in Britain, and partly in the city of Rome, while the Apostle Paul was still living. Many of the personages mentioned are historical; some of them are mentioned in Scripture. The author depicts in vivid colours the difficulties and the triumphs of early Christianity in the courts of Tiberius Cæsar and of Nero. The volume will be found both delightful and instructive to all its readers, young and old.

- II. *Margaret Gordon*; or, Can I Forgive? By Mrs. S. A. Myers, author

of "Poor Nicholas," "Gulf Stream," "Railroad Boy," &c., &c. 16mo. Price, \$1.25.

This good sized and attractive volume contains a narrative of the early life, the pleasures and trials, and especially the spiritual struggles and triumphs, of Margaret Gordon. The book is founded upon facts drawn carefully from personal experience, and is full of important suggestions and instructions in regard to the Christian life. The style is clear and full of vivacity. In our judgment it is one of the best books for the young, and especially for young ladies, that we have seen for a great while.

- III. *Alypius of Tagaste*. By Mrs. Webb, author of "Pomponia." 12mo. Price, \$1.25.

This volume opens with a scene at

Alexandria in Egypt, and gives a vivid picture of a terrible scene in the amphitheatre, where several Christians were devoured by wild beasts because of their Christian faith. It presents to the reader, in a well connected and most attractive narrative, views of the persecutions and the struggles of the Christians in an early age of the Church, and exhibits the power of Christian faith to triumph over all opposition. A charming book.

IV. The Manuscript Man. By the author of "Golden Hills." 12mo. Price, 85 cents.

This is a picture of life in the western part of Ireland. A few rays of gospel light are introduced by the agency of two or three pious persons into the midst of a community plunged into papal darkness, superstition and bigotry. Of course, according to our Lord's prediction, the entrance of the truth produced variance in households, and bitter opposition from the powers of error. Yet the truth gradually worked its way, and triumphed in many hearts and houses. It is an excellent book to circulate among Romanists, but will be found attractive to people of all sorts.

V. Rivers of Water in a Dry Place.

An account of the introduction of Christianity into South Africa, and of Mr. Moffat's missionary labours. 12mo. Price, \$1.00.

A delightful account of the missionary labours of Mr. Moffat and other Christian pioneers in Southern Africa, containing so many incidents of a highly instructive, and sometimes amusing character, with many hair breadth escapes from wild beasts and wilder men, presented in a most sprightly style, as to make it as fascinating as any book of adventures a child could desire.

VI. The Inspiration of the Scriptures. By the Rev. Francis L. Patton. 12mo. Price, 60 cents.

A lucid and most able argument for the plenary inspiration of the Scriptures. Its language is clear and precise, its chain of reasonings logical and cogent,

and its grand conclusion on behalf of the word of God is irresistible to any unprejudiced mind. The author has in this treatise rendered a good service to the Church. He wields a vigorous pen, and we hope we shall hear from him again.

VII. Seed Thoughts; or, Selections from Caryl's Exposition of Job. With an introduction by the Rev. J. E. Rockwell, D.D. 12mo. Price, 70 cents.

The work of Caryl, from which these "Seed Thoughts" are selected, is not very widely known at the present day, but it is as rich in gems of thought as any California mine is in veins of gold. Dr. Rockwell has made his selections with care and good judgment. It is a pleasant and profitable book to have near one, and to pick up now and then for a few minutes of disconnected reading.

The Board has also just issued the following excellent little volumes for the Sabbath-school Library.

VIII. Grace Harland; or, Christ's Path to Happiness. By the author of the "Little Watchman." 18mo. Price, 65 cents.

IX. Kardoo, the Hindoo Girl. A tale of missionary life in India. 18mo. Price, 60 cents.

X. The Straw Bonnet Maker; or, Ways of Usefulness. 18mo. Price, 60 cents.

XI. A Little More, and Other Stories. 18mo. Price, 60 cents.

XII. Love's Labour; or, The Seed and its Blossom. By Abby Eldredge, author of "Lucy Clifton," &c., &c. 18mo. Price, 60 cents.

XIII. Little Girls' Habits. By Zell. 18mo. Price, 30 cents.

XIV. Talks with Little Emily. By Zell. 18mo. Price, 30 cents.

XV. Martyrs and Sufferers for the Truth. By Wm. S. Plumer, D.D. 18mo. Price, 55 cents.

The following small works in the Portuguese language have also just been issued by the Board.

XVI. Catechismo de Doutrina Christa Para a Instruccao dos

- Meninos.** [Catechism for Young Children.] 12mo. Price, 6 cents.
- XVII. Palissy, O Artista Huguenote.** [Palissy the Potter.] 12mo. Price, 6 cents.
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- XIX. Razoes Por Que Um Menino Deve Amar a Jesus.** [The Little Child and Jesus.] 12mo. 4 pp.
- XX. As Almas Santas Bemditas Penando no Fogo do Purgatorio!!!** [Holy Souls in Purgatory.] 12mo. 4 pp.
- XXI. "Indigna."—"Jesus Christo."** ["Unworthy."—"Jesus Christ."] 12mo. 4 pp.
- XXII. Indo Para a Patria.** [Going Home.] 12mo. 4 pp.
- XXIII. Hypocritas.** [Hypocrites.] 12mo. 4 pp.
- XXIV. Somos Filhos de Deus,** ou Nao vos Heide Deixar Orfaos. Sermão Prégado no Rio de Janeiro. [We are Children of God.] Pelo Rev. A. G. Simonton. 12mo. 16 pp.
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- Sermão Prédgado no Rio de Janeiro. [Peace]. Pelo Rev. A. G. Simonton. 12mo. 16 pp.
- XXVII. Os Impios Nao Tem Paz.** Sermão Prédgado no Rio de Janeiro. [The Wicked Have no Peace.] Pelo Rev. A. G. Simonton. 12mo. 16 pp.
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- XXIX. Christo Crucificado.** [Christ Crucified.] Sermão Prédgado no Rio de Janeiro. Pelo Rev. A. G. Simonton. 12mo. 24 pp.
- XXX. Os Sacramentos.** [The Sacraments] Por A. G. Simonton, Ultimamente Pastor Evangelico, no Rio de Janeiro. 12mo. Price, 15 cents.
- XXXI. The Board has printed a new blank Form of Dismission, for the use of churches sending communicants or members by baptism to other parts of the country, in accordance with the last General Assembly's answer to Overture No. 36, found on the Minutes of 1869, page 923. This form is commended to the notice of our ministers and churches. A sample copy will be sent without charge to any minister asking for it. Price, 30 cents per hundred.

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DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION *in part for AUGUST 1869.*

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Pby of Madison—Lexington ch 5; Pleasant Township ch 4 15; 1st ch Madison 29 44	38 59	Pby of Neosho—Iola ch	11 00
Pby of Logansport—Sugar Creek ch 3 20; Perryburg ch 2 50; Jefferson ch 4 45	10 15	Pby of Long Island—First ch Huntington 42; 2d ch Huntington 18	60 00
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Total receipts for September \$2589 11.

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Pby of S Minnesota—Jackson ch 6; Lake City ch 8	14 00	Pby of Albion—New Scotland ch 27 35; Kings-boro-ch 20 95	48 30
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Pby of Washington—Wellsburg ch 7; West Liberty ch 9 90; Upper Buffalo ch 48 50	65 40	Pby of West Lexington—Second ch Lexington	277 90
Pby of Newton—Hackettstown ch 35; do Sab-sch 50	85 00	Pby of St Paul—Central ch St Paul	45 75
Pby of Bloomington—Towanda ch 22; do Sab-sch 3; Lincoln ch 10; Chenoa ch 5	40 00	Pby of New Castle—Oxford ch	39 00
Pby of Vincennes—Clairborne ch 15; Sullivan ch 8'25'; Carlisle ch 6 40	29 65	Pby of New Lisbon—Canfield ch	6 50
Pby of Steubenville—Still Fork ch 4; 2d ch Sten-benville 48; Island Creek ch 32; Two Ridges		Pby of Iowa—Round Grove ch	16 35
		Pby of Sidney—Wapakoneta ch 5; 1st ch Piqua 13 50; Bellefontaine ch 17 40; do Sab-sch 5 72	41 62
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Rev. GEORGE HALE, D.D., *Secretary.*

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The following amounts have been received since the last report; viz:—

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Dr Sprague's ch 73 75; Gloversville ch 72 60; W J Heacock, Gloversville 25; Johnstown ch 31 41; Bethlehem ch 9 15; Kingsborough ch 21 40; Carlisle ch 8; Esperance ch 4	\$215 31	<i>Pby of Vinton</i> —Vinton ch 10; Salem ch 10; Rock Creek ch 7	27 00
<i>Pby of Londonderry</i> —Londonderry ch 11 50; Newburyport 2d ch 17 50	29 00	<i>Pby of Ebenezer</i> —Ashland ch	38 50
<i>Pby of Mohawk</i> —Oswego 1st ch 106 28; Park Central ch 30 75	143 03	<i>Pby of Lafayette</i> —Knob Noster ch	5 65
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<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Cambridge ch	24 46	<i>Pby of Potosi</i> —Ironton ch 5 50; Irondale ch 2	50 50
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Manchester ch 40; Leetsdale ch 23 28; Sewickly ch 65	128 23	<i>Pby of Burlington</i> —Tuckerton ch 3 75; Borden town ch 6 75; Allentown ch 22 27; Mount Holly ch 18	50 77
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Westfield ch 28; Clarksville ch 15 50; Neshannock ch 20; Pulaski ch 5; Mahonington ch 27 11; Hopewell ch 5 50 101 11		<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Mansfield 1st ch	25 00
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Fairfield ch 9; Mercer ch 27 60; Franklin ch 28	64 60	<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —New Providence ch 20; Plainfield 1st ch 16 40; Elizabethport ch 10; Lamington ch 46	92 40
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Hagerstown ch 17 27; Piney Creek ch 8 75; Shippensburg ch 42 23; Harrisburg 7th ch 20; Mercersburg ch 35; Emmitsburgh ch 17 55; Lower Marsh Creek ch 17	157 80	<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Wilkesbarre ch 105; Kingston ch 32 23; Sab-ch of ch 4 25	141 48
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Portageville ch 10 70; Genesee Central ch 24 69; Moscow ch 7 42 39		<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Trenton 1st ch 150; Trenton 2d ch 47 40; Trenton 4th ch 71 50; Princeton 2d ch 46; Pennington ch 40 354 90	
<i>Pby of Ogdensburg</i> —Hammond ch	12 60	<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Springfield ch 35 53; Wickliffe ch 10 58; Rutherford ch 23 70	69 31
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Edginton ch 13 25; Genesee ch 11; Osco ch 6; Princeton 1st ch 27 48; Sab-ch of do 5	62 73	<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —Milford ch 19; Musconetcong ch 13	32 00
<i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Woodstock ch 10; Harvard ch 4 60; St Anne 2d ch 3 20; Linn and Hebron chs 5 10; Ottawa 1st ch 5	27 90	<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Meshopen ch 4 50; Canton ch 13	17 50
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Middle Creek ch 8 75; Sterling ch 73 40	82 15	<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Clayton ch 36 38; Salem ch 60 29	96 67
<i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Chili ch 7; Ebenezer ch 15; Ixava ch 27; Pittsfield ch 3 25; Mt Sterling ch 10; Carthage ch 20	82 25	<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Red Mills ch 15; Hartford 1st ch 27; Rye ch 73 58	115 58
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<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Union ch 5 10; Washington ch 12; Greenfield 1st ch 15 70	32 80	<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Cochecton ch 10; Liberty ch 6 10; Hamptonburg ch 33 23; Jeffersonville and Youngsville chs 10	59 35
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Lebanon ch	22 00	<i>Pby of New York</i> —New York 42d St ch 115 55; Nyack ch 20; Chelsea ch 12 60	148 15
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —South Charleston ch	4 40	<i>Pby of North River</i> —Kingston 1st ch 20; Rondout ch 40	60 00
<i>Pby of Siltney</i> —West Liberty ch 4 25; Union City ch 12; Bellfontaine ch 13 47; Sab-ch of ch 7 23	36 95	<i>Pby of Crawfordsville</i> —Crawfordsville ch 12 25; Terre Haute ch 10 25; Lebanon ch 3 75 26 25	
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Atalanta ch 7; Clinton ch 20; Union Grove ch 4 30; Farm Ridge ch 11; Towanda ch 18; Sab-ch of do 2	62 30	<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —Bluffton ch 4 30; New Lancaster ch 2 70; Albion ch 7	14 00
<i>Pby of Palestine</i> —Hebron ch	5 00	<i>Pby of Logansport</i> —Logansport 1st ch 21 50; Monticello ch 4; Lexington ch 10; Remington ch 5; Frankford ch 10; Indian Creek ch 3 20	53 70
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<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Canton ch 8 70; French Grove ch 7; Peoria 2d ch 70	85 70	<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —West Salem ch 7 50; Congress ch 3 50; Nashville ch 14; East Hopewell ch 7; Millersburg ch 5 50	37 50
<i>Pby of Satine</i> —Richland ch 3 20; Hermon ch 1; Golconda ch 3	7 20	<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Duncan's Falls ch 8 50; Cambridge ch 12; Mount Zion ch 12 85	33 35
<i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —Indianapolis 5th ch 5; Union ch 9 50; Hopewell 19 60	34 10	<i>Pby of Benicia</i> —Napa ch 15; Two Rocks ch 13 50	28 50
<i>Pby of Madison</i> —Hanover ch 11 45; Bethel ch 6 15; Donaldson ch 4; Pleasant Township ch 4 85	26 45	<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Lancaster ch 33 66; Chanceford ch 35	68 66
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Epworth ch 4 50; Scotch Grove ch 8; Hopkinton ch 3; Peosta ch 5	20 60	<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Shade Gap ch 6 75; Altoona ch 2d ch 22 30; Milesburg ch 18; Sinking Valley ch 23 66; Pine Grove ch 9; Birmingham ch 50; Spruce Creek ch 121 30; Lower Tuscarora ch 34 75; Moshannon and Snow Shoe chs 12 38	298 14
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Mechanicsville ch 10 70; Hermon ch 7; Iowa City 1st eh 40; Cedar Rapids ch 8; Blue Grass ch 3 10; Fulton ch 4 90; Red Oak ch 7; Summit ch 15 46	96 15	<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —New Castle ch, Mrs M B Couper 10; Miss Darragh 3; John Johns 10; Mrs Kennedy 5; Mrs Canon 2; Mrs Danforth 2; Mrs Black 1; Mrs Nevin 1; Miss Booth 5; James Truss 5; Mrs Janvier 5; Wm Couper 44; Mrs Spruance 5; Miss Spruance 3; Mrs Gray 5; Mrs Spotswood 5 — 111; Upper Octoarara ch 25; Coatesville ch 26; Green Hill ch 20; Forks of Brandywine ch 28 05; Lower Brandywine ch 13 08	223 13

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Think and Act.

Familiar facts often lose much of their power, in part, because they *are* familiar. All know that the freedmen of the South possess the elective franchise, that they are for the most part ignorant, and many of them vicious, while "intelligence and virtue" are declared to be the only basis upon which our free institutions can continue and prosper. Shall these millions with the power of the ballot-box in their hands, be left in ignorance and vice, to become the dupes of designing men, and a blot upon our body politic, only less dark than was slavery itself? There is but one preventative, the pure *gospel* with its church and school. These go hand in hand; and without them, "intelligence and virtue" may not be expected. Surely even if we should look no further than "the life that now is," here are weighty reasons why every Christian patriot should be deeply interested in, give liberally to, and pray earnestly for the educating and evangelizing of the freedmen of the South, the great work in which the General Assembly's Committee on Freedmen is engaged.

Late Items from the Field.

North Carolina.—A missionary visiting a vacant church writes, "The congregation was large and attentive. . . I was greatly refreshed and encouraged by all I saw. My confidence in the vitality of our Presbyterian churches was increased. If this church, so severely tried, had still such vitality, we need not fear when they are regularly attended to." A well-recommended coloured minister has just been commissioned to occupy this field of three churches. From another, "Bethpage congregation are building a house. I was surprised, a week ago, to find that the house was ready for the roof, the timber at the mill for the siding; and they expected to have the roof and siding on for our meeting there in three weeks. They have done it all themselves." He asks for this church "one hundred and twenty-five dollars, to pay for nails, glass, sash," &c. Having first *helped themselves*, they should get it. "We had a very pleasant communion at Rocky River yesterday. We received eleven on examination, six on certificate. Baptized four adults and a dozen children. I tried to keep the meetings from the other congregations. But the congregation would have filled the house probably three times. The house is quite too small at present for our ordinary congregation. From Charlotte, August 23d. "Just at this time there is a most powerful work of grace going on in our church. . . Last night there were fifty anxious inquirers. The country churches around are prospering in like manner." Charlotte church greatly needs a better building in a better locality, fifteen hundred dollars are necessary to secure it. Here Biddle Institute is located, and in the region round about we have over twenty-five coloured churches.

Virginia.—Russel Grove church. . . “Here is where we ought to have a high school in which teachers can be prepared. Whence and how can we get the money to do this needed work?” The Lord’s *stewards* have it, brother.

The Dark Side.

This is best known to our missionaries. These see the cloud as well as the sunshine. One labouring in North Carolina writes as follows:—

“The people here are almost if not quite idolaters. *They refuse to listen to the reading of the Bible, and will not allow me to preach to them.* There is an old woman here who is leading these people astray. **SHE ASSERTS THAT SHE HAS SEEN GOD AND THAT SHE IS SENT HERE TO SAVE SINNERS.** *She forgives sins and saves the sinners.* Her way of getting the devil out of any one is, as she says, to ‘press and cuss’ him out.

“I was at their meeting last Sabbath and endeavoured to read and explain a portion of scripture to them, but they would not hear me. Of this sect there are seventy or eighty, all lead by this old woman, *whom they worship as a god.* They have turned a deaf ear to the word of God, and are travelling fast the road to perdition. I shall try again to show *them* the error of their ways, but there is little probability of my success. Truly, heathen and idolaters are to be found in North Carolina. There is a great work to be done in the South for Jesus. ‘Pray for us.’”

Yes, *pray and work* as well—

“Shall we, whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high,
Shall we, to men benighted,
The lamp of life deny?”

DONATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN IN SEPTEMBER, 1869.

<i>Pby of Atlantic</i> —Edisto Island coloured ch 5; St Andrews coloured ch 2; Wadmalaw coloured ch 3; St Paul’s coloured ch 4 60; Tarboro sch and ch 7 25	\$21 85		<i>Pby of Maumee</i> —Bryan ch	\$10 00
<i>Pby of Buffalo City</i> —Central ch, Buffalo 15 00			<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —South Third St ch, Williamsburg	21 02
<i>Pby of Catawba</i> —Franklin coloured sch 3; Brookville coloured sch 2 50; Mocksville coloured ch and sch 2 88; Lexington coloured ch 10; Greensboro’ coloured ch and sch 18; Mebansville coloured sch 12 25; Rocky River coloured sch 7 50; North Barns sch 7 50; Mt Tabor coloured sch 10; Mt Zion coloured sch 2 50; Statesville coloured ch and sch 10 25; Henderson coloured sch 6 75; Cameron coloured sch 14 50; New Centre coloured sch 1 50; Logan coloured sch 2 25; White Hall coloured sch 8; McClintock coloured sch 12 50; Bensalem coloured sch 17; Fancy Hill coloured sch 8 80; McDowell’s coloured sch 8 25; Lloyd coloured sch 12 05; College Hill coloured sch 1 25; Rock Hill coloured sch 9 75; Ledrick’s Hill coloured sch 13; Miranda coloured sch 15; St Paul’s coloured sch 12; Mt Olive’s coloured sch 19; New Hope coloured sch 2	249 98		<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Salem ch*	22 50
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Red Oak ch	27 50		<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Fairview ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Gilead ch	15 46		<i>Pby of New York</i> —First ch Jersey City	28 27
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Westfield ch	38 25		<i>Pby of Paducah</i> —Coloured members of Prince- ton ch	7 00
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Cool Spring ch 12; Salem ch 7	19 00		<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Glade Run ch	35 00
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Warsaw ch	20 00		<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Terrytown ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Knox</i> —Union Point coloured sch 4; At- lanta coloured ch 10 90; Dalton coloured ch 2 50; Chattanooga coloured ch 3 35	20 75		<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Second ch Steubenville	
				33 00
				25 80
				8 10
			Total amount rec’d from Churches	\$624 48
			MISCELLANEOUS.	
			Columbia, Tenn., coloured sch 45 80; Wm Dodds, Low Point, Ind 40; Jno Robinson, Wayne Co. Ill 1; A C, Pittsburgh 1; “A Friend,” Louisville 2; Rev N H Downing 5; H A Barclay, Oswego, Ill 2; L P Phelps, Macomb, Ill 15; Mrs Noah L Wilson, Chillicothe 50; Henry Lord, Esq. Pitts- burgh, special 240; Mary D Couper, New Castle, Del 10	411 80
			Total receipts in September,	\$1,036 28
			D. ROBINSON, Treasurer, No. 78 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh.	

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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

NOTICE.—Missionaries making application to the Board for clothing, will please remember to state *the number in their families, ages and sex*, as well as their residences, and how to forward the boxes. Failure to do this, will explain why some have not been supplied.

Working of the Board in the West.

Onarga, Iroquois County, Illinois.

DEAR BROTHER,—In my report at the close of the ecclesiastical year, I promised to send you a historical sketch of this church, as soon as the congregation would hold its annual business meeting. That meeting has been held, and the people gladly placed their church on the self-sustaining list.

The facts connected with this church are pertinent to illustrate *the working of the Board of Domestic Missions* in this Western country.

This church was organized on the last day of February, 1857, in a little village, which, in December 1854, when it was laid out as a station on a new railway, had but seven houses. Before the building of the railroad, a sparse settlement was scattered along the timber that skirts a little stream flowing about two miles southeast of the village; but on the broad prairie bounded by the horizon, no human habitation was to be seen. The tall grass waved in the breeze, and the prowling wolf dug his hole unscared.

When the railway began to invite population to this magnificent prairie, the Lord directed hither the steps of some Presbyterians seeking homes in the West. "When they made as though they would have gone further, He constrained them," having sent them here to help in establishing and building up a Presbyterian church. Some trained in "the faith once delivered to the saints," were already in the pioneer settlement; gradually others came, and a little band of eleven persons was organized into a church by a Committee of the Presbytery of Peoria. On the second day three additional names were put on the roll.

Twelve and a half years have run by since that time. The little church planted in faith and prayer has grown in numbers and in power. One hundred and seventy-seven members have been added, of whom eighty-one were on profession

of faith, thus making the total number since the organization one hundred and eighty-eight. Of these sixty-four have been dismissed, twelve have fallen asleep, while one hundred and twelve remain as the present membership.

When the organization was but a little over a year old, it was resolved to undertake the erection of a house of worship. This was dedicated on the 13th of November, 1859, having been completed at a cost of eighteen hundred and fifty dollars. Of the sum expended in building, three hundred dollars were received from the Board of Church Extension. The First Presbyterian Church of Oswego, New York, gave one hundred dollars, and the Sabbath-school and three members of that church an additional hundred. One hundred and fifty-one dollars were received from other friends in different localities, while the infant church, having then but thirty members, with some aid from the community, contributed the balance.

In this edifice the congregation has worshipped through the intervening years; but now the place has become too strait for the increasing numbers, and the necessity for a larger house is becoming imperative, so that we may be able to say to others "yet there is room."

Upon the territory originally covered by this congregation, three other Presbyterian churches have been organized from members dismissed from this church for that purpose. Though still in youth, this church is the mother of three vigorous children, of which any parent may well be proud.

The straggling hamlet, too, has grown into a beautiful village of more than two thousand inhabitants. The population of the county, which, in 1840, was 1,695, is now about 30,000. Eight evangelical denominations have organizations in the township, and the *seventh* will soon have a house of worship in the village.

Several different brethren filled the post of stated supply till the spring of 1865, when the present pastorate—the first for both minister and people—was formed. Since that time eighty-nine members—about one-half on profession—have been added to the church.

Four years ago a school for both sexes, established six months before, was placed under the control of the Session, and is maintained as a parochial school of academic grade. It has had an average attendance of about sixty pupils each term, and has exerted a salutary influence in the community.

During these years of infancy, this church was under the fostering care of the Board of Domestic Missions, without whose aid it could not have been supplied with the ministrations of the gospel. Nor without the aid of the Board of Church Extension could it have undertaken or accomplished the building of its present house of worship. But with the timely aid granted by the Church at large through these grand agencies, it has been helped into such a position that it can now provide for itself and help others.

Nor has it been an ungrateful recipient of favours. Receiving from the above two Boards an aggregate of seventeen hundred and fifty dollars; it has paid back nearly three hundred, and has contributed to the various benevolent purposes of the Church two thousand two hundred and seventy-one dollars; and at the same time raised for congregational purposes the sum of seven thousand four hundred and forty-nine dollars.

Having adopted the Apostolic plan of beneficence, and thus made giving an act of Sabbath worship, the church gave to the Board alone during the past year one dollar and sixty-five cents per member, and will do more in the coming year.

Thus you have an illustration of the working of the Boards that have the extension and up-building of our beloved Zion in the home-field as their object.

Shall not such results, multiplied in all this broad region, and soon to be repeated far toward the setting sun, stimulate God's people to a greater degree of liberality, that you may have larger resources at command to carry forward the cause of our blessed Master?

Sincerely yours, A. G. W.

A Laborious and Happy Missionary.

Rev. and Dear Brother,—This day finishes another quarter of duty well or ill performed, of responsibility to God and you, felt more or less deeply; hopes, fears, plans, joys, and sorrows, and of privileges enjoyed with keenest relish as a labourer in the vineyard, which I would not exchange for any other office compensating its holder with twenty times the salary I receive. This may not be poetry, perhaps poor prose, it is certainly the truth. I am happy in my work. Though I shall not be able to speak of many additions to the fold of Christ, yet our church services are attended by larger audiences than for some years past; and these invariably attentive, and apparently devout worshippers of the living God. Since my last report there has originated in our church a social prayer-meeting held on Friday evenings in the different houses of the members. One of our members had lost his young wife suddenly by death. She came from Philadelphia in good spirits and apparently in good health but died before morning. It was a tremendous blow. It utterly paralyzed him for a few days. But it awoke him from his lethargy, and he began immediately to speak to others of their duty of instant surrender to the Lord Jesus. A meeting for social prayer was the result. And every Friday evening since we have met at each other's houses for social prayer. We have thus two prayer-meetings every week. And they are pretty well attended.

I have *four* preaching stations—B—, S—, B—C—, and L—. On one Sabbath I preach at B—, at S—, and again at B—. On the next at B—, B—C—, and L—. Thus I preach three times each Sabbath and travel twelve miles, sometimes twenty-four when I come home the same day. But I have really *four* services each Sabbath. For the Sabbath-school is a very important work—a very important part of my work. Though we have a superintendent, yet somehow he throws the work of opening the Sabbath-school and giving the lesson on me, which I take with pleasure. The lesson is given on the principle that a lesson is *not given unless received by the scholars*. And to be certain they do receive it, I make them read or repeat the lesson after me, phrase by phrase, clause by clause, or sentence by sentence, insisting that *ALL* the scholars repeat after me. This takes some trouble, but it pays, in the satisfaction it gives to all within the walls of the Sabbath-school, and even the youngest is wonderfully pleased with himself as well as with him who gives the lesson, to find he is taking part in the lesson as well as the eldest that is there. Then the *meaning* of the words, clauses, and sentences is drawn out of the scholars if they know it, and if they do not it is either plainly told or suggested to them, after which they are made to repeat it over to me simultaneously two or three times. Then we may say the lesson has been given. I take a good deal of pains to prepare this lesson; sometimes a day with my Greek Dictionary and a good commentary writing out in the form of questions all the knowledge I can get out of the lesson. Of course, the manuscript is not taken to the school with me for I do not need it, my mind is full after such minute and precise preparation. After this public lesson I take my Bible class as the other teachers do theirs. When the Sunday-school is over I find as much energy expended as if I had preached a sermon. I have, therefore, four services every Sabbath. But I have the best of health, and indeed am never sick,

because I know and obey in some measure the laws of life and health. With the sincerest prayers for the blessing of our Great Master on the officers of the Board, and yourself especially,

I remain, yours most respectfully, J. D.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN OCTOBER, 1869.

SYNOD OF ALBANY. — <i>Pby of Albany</i> —Peristrome ch, from a few members	\$25 00
SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY. — <i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Centreville ch 29; Plain Grove ch 50 50; New Salem ch 17; Middlesex ch 15. <i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Hi-lands ch 7 52; Pine Creek ch 8. <i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Westfield Sab-sch 12 44. <i>Pby of Erie</i> —Mt Pleasant ch 9; Franklin ch 35; Salem ch 7; Mercer 1st ch 86 34; Harmonsburg ch 10	286 80
SYNOD OF BALTIMORE. — <i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Churchville ch 30; Ellicott City ch 77. <i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Lansdowne ch 19; Williamsport ch Sab-sch 19. <i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Lewisville and Falls ch 7; North ch, Washington, D. C. 90 76	233 76
SYNOD OF CHICAGO. — <i>Pby of Bureau</i> —New Boston ch 5; Millersburg ch 25. <i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Freeport 3d Ger ch 5. <i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Doddsville ch 3 60. <i>Pby of Warren</i> —Lenox ch 3 25	41 85
SYNOD OF ILLINOIS. — <i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Normal ch 10; Wapella ch 5. <i>Pby of Palestine</i> —Charleston ch 20. <i>Pby of Satine</i> —Odin ch 6; Sandoval ch 4. <i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —Beardstown Ger ch 6 25	51 25
SYNOD OF INDIANA. — <i>Pby of Madison</i> —Hopewell ch 7 25. <i>Pby of New Albany</i> —Jackson county Ger ch 6	13 25
SYNOD OF IOWA. — <i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Fairfax ch 5 10. <i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Jesup ch 5; Pleasant Grove ch 5; Independence Ger ch 5 50. <i>Pby of Vinton</i> —Blairstown 10 60	31 20
SYNOD OF KANSAS. — <i>Pby of Leavenworth</i> —First Coloured Mission ch, Quindaro 2 50; Perryville ch 8 15; Oskaloosa ch 7 60	18 25
SYNOD OF KENTUCKY. — <i>Pby of Ebenezer</i> —Augusta ch	21 80
SYNOD OF MISSOURI. — <i>Pby of Palmyra</i> —Buffalo ch 4 75; Birdseye Ridge ch 3. <i>Pby of St Louis</i> —Bethel ch 12 50; Nazareth ch, from a member 10. <i>Pby of Southwest Missouri</i> —Calvary ch, Springfield 62. <i>Pby of Upper Missouri</i> —Mirable ch 6; Rev J N Young 10	108 25
SYNOD OF NASHVILLE. — <i>Pby of Nashville</i> —Nashville 2d ch Sab-sch 180	180 00
SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY. — <i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Roselle 1st ch 25; Westfield ch 132 59; Rahway 1st ch, from C P Williams 15. <i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Shrewsbury ch, add'l 10; Mauhalapan ch 50; Port Washington ch 14. <i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Princeton 1st ch 100. <i>Pby of Newton</i> —Newton ch 149 69. <i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Westminster ch, Elizabeth 437 61; Central ch, Orange 300. <i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Towanda 1st ch, quarterly coll 59 60. <i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Blackwoodtown ch in part 80; Somers' Point ch 3	1376 49
SYNOD OF NEW YORK. — <i>Pby of New York</i> 2d—Mt Washington ch 165; South Greenburg ch 100 04; Sing Sing ch 300	565 04
SYNOD OF OHIO. — <i>Pby of Richland</i> —Savannah ch 13. <i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Clark ch 13. <i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Mt Pleasant ch 10	36 00
SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA. — <i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Waynesburg ch 182. <i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Half Presbyter coll 21 82; Lewistown ch 114 99. <i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Forks of Brandywine ch, Ladies' Miss'y Soc'y 23 75. <i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Ninth ch Phila Sab-sch 20. <i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Cohocksink ch 69 33, of which 55 21 from the Sab-sch; Hestonville ch, from "D M" 10. <i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> 2d—Catasauqua ch 20	461 89
SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH. — <i>Pby of Blairstown</i> —Ebensburg ch 13; New Salem ch 1; Blairstown ch 92 65. <i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Elkton ch 10. <i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Pittsburgh Central ch Sab-sch 35 61. <i>Pby</i>	

of Saltsburg—Appleby Manor ch 9 21; Crooked Creek ch 3 82; Currie's Run ch 13 41; Cherry Run ch 4 13; Smixburg ch 7; Indianola ch Sab-sch 50; Elderton ch 11 45; Leechburg ch 51

302 28

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—Caledonia ch 12; Sheldon ch 11

23 00

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Western Reserve*—Tiffin ch Sab-sch

7 50

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—Garden Grove ch 2 50. *Pby of Iowa*—Burlington Ger ch 1 75; Mt Pleasant Ger ch 12 10; Unity ch 7 85; Middletown ch 17; New London ch 14

55 20

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Middle Sandy ch 8; Bethesda ch 13 59; Newton ch 13 53. *Pby of Steubenville*—Annapolis ch 15; New Hagerstown ch 37; Corinth ch 18

105 03

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Milwaukee*—West Granville Ger ch 3. *Pby of Winnebago*—Assembly ch, Beaver Dam 11; Mayville Ger ch 6

20 00

Total received from churches, \$3,963 84

LEGACIES.—Estate of Rev Jas Coe, dec'd, late of Ohio, annuity 100; Bequest of Mrs Ruth Terbell, dec'd, late of N Y 1,000, less United States tax 60 = 940

1,040 00

MISCELLANEOUS.—Freedmen's chs in Amelia Co, Va 7 50; "Interest" 189 04; Henry Brewster, Shirleyburg, Pa 5; Rev T S Childs, Norwalk, Conn 10; Rev C M Campbell, Denver City, Colorado 10; Rent of Mission House 842 50; H S B and wife 5; Rev C R Fisk, Delavan, Ill 1; J H 100; Mrs S E Y 10

1,180 04

Total Receipts in October, 1869, \$6,183 88

S. D. POWEL, Treasurer,
No. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia

CLOTHING.

1 box from the ladies of Chestnut Hill ch, Pa, valued at	\$350 00
1 box from the ladies of South Third Street ch, Williamsburgh, N Y, valued at	357 45
1 box from the ladies of Saltsburg ch, Pa, valued at	81 00
1 box from the ladies of Spring Garden ch, Phila, Pa, valued at	160 00
1 box from "Greenleaf Circle," connected with First ch Newburyport, Mass, valued at	110 50
1 box from the Ladies' Missionary Sewing Soc'y of Lawrenceville ch, N J, valued at	209 43

\$1,263 38

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No. 907 ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

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Treasurer—SAMUEL D. POWEL

LETTERS relating to Missionary Appointments and other operations of the Board, should be addressed to the Corresponding Secretary, No. 907 Arch street, Philadelphia. Letters relating to the pecuniary affairs of the Board, or containing remittances of money, should be sent to S. D. POWEL, Esq., Treasurer—same address.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTEOUS, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

He hath made my mouth like a sharp sword;
In the shadow of his hand hath he hid me;
And made me a polished shaft;
In his quiver hath he hid me;
And said unto me, Thou art my servant,
O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.

And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant,
To raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel;
I will give thee for a light to the Gentiles,
That thou mayest be my salvation to the ends of the earth.

Behold, these shall come from far;
And, lo, these from the north; and from the west;
And these from the land of Sinim.*
Sing, O Heavens; and be joyful, O earth;
And break forth into singing, O mountains;
For the Lord hath comforted his people,
And will have mercy upon his afflicted.—ISAIAH, xl ix.

Theological Education on the Pacific Coast.

The following address was delivered by Dr. Speer before a union meeting of the Synod of the Pacific. (O. S.) and Synod of Alta California (N. S.), in San Francisco, October 7th, 1869.

Brethren,—Among the topics which occupy your attention at this time, none more fills my mind and my heart with the sense of its importance than that of theological education. To urge it upon you, as becomes the office I have been called to fill in the Church, has been one motive for the present visit. And *now is the time to act*. The union of the two great branches, which was started in this and other missionary fields, is, far sooner than we dared to hope, accomplished. Let us express our gratitude to God for His great mercy; let us aid to cement thoroughly the bonds of union, if such be necessary where from the beginning we have been one, and known no difference in doctrine or in fellowship; let us begin practically the mission for which God has made us formally one—by the establishment of an effective theological school. The Episcopalian, the Congregational, the Methodist Churches have all made a beginning. It is *time* for Presbyterians to act.

Look at the work you have to do? In the numerous towns upon this coast, which within a few years have changed from mere groups of miners' tents to settled and well-built houses of families, with beautiful gardens and abundant variety of fruits, and in these rich and fertile valleys, how many places are there which our Church should occupy. In the vast expanse of the states and territories of the Union, up to Puget Sound on the North, to Utah and Wyoming on the East, to Arizona on the South, and in the neighbouring regions of British America on

* "Probably the *Sinenses, Chinese*, whose country is Sina. China." Dr. W. Gesenius: Heb. Lex.
See also Prof. J. Addison Alexander: Later Prophecies of Isaiah, Com. on chapter and verse above.

one side, and Mexico and Central America on the other, how many more, where men should be sent to plant the standard of the cross, gather around them the friends of Jesus, and organize resistance to the now triumphing powers of sin. And this is but a part of the work. Since I came, seventeen years ago, to meet the first Chinese, of the multitudes whom God is bringing here to see and hear the wonders of salvation, and return to be witnesses to their own and other lands, it has been my more and more deep and intense conviction that this is to be the great missionary centre of the future; that New York, and London, and Basle, are but outposts in the great movements of Providence; that the strongholds of offence and defence must be on this Pacific coast. The missionary efforts of a sincere and effective determination on the part of Christian America, and to some extent of Christian Europe, to overthrow the old and powerful despotisms of hell over the souls of men in Japan, and Corea, and China, and Manchuria, and Siam, and other nations of the continent, and in the great islands that occupy the hemisphere south of it, must be chiefly made from San Francisco and the cities which shall grow up along these Pacific shores. Let us be preparing to fit ourselves for the grand and joyful trust.

Now is it possible for the theological seminaries of the Atlantic States to furnish you with the number of men you need? They can send you a few. But the small number, alas! how small, which the Church is giving of her sons to the great work of the ministry of the gospel, is too few even for the wants of that portion of the country. She is shorn of her strength, losing her honoured position, allowing multitudes to go without the knowledge of salvation, because her sons and daughters are choosing the world and forgetting Christ and His kingdom. You cannot hope for many from the East. But California is a land of young men. Your population is a youthful population. Your church members are most of them young men and women. You have abundant material, if it can be wrought into shapes which the Master can use.

And is it not evident that you need men who have been prepared by previous acquaintance with the peculiarities of life on this coast for contented and effective labour here? The newness, the restlessness, the freedom of thought and action, the prompt and bold energy, which distinguish this state of society, need men born here, or who have become alive to it, to enter successfully into ministerial work here. Men uninitiated are in danger of attempting and accomplishing little, of becoming discouraged, or of being swept off into its temptations.

You need a theological institution which, to most thorough instruction in the branches of learning which are necessary to comprehend God's word and its true doctrines, and their relations to the human soul, and to the history and the future of the Church, will unite a most earnest and practical training that shall qualify men to use efficiently the instruments thus placed in their hands. Some of our young men are overloaded with armor and weapons, which they have not the skill or strength to use. Our church must learn from the activity of others; must remember the practice of our fathers; must not despise the monitions of Providence to us in our failures and losses.

It is with great interest and satisfaction I have watched the aspirations of early days, when I was with you, grow up into the prosperous university here, with its fine beginning of an abundant endowment. It is not for me to say how far this may be the seed from which you may develop the theological institution you need. You have, in each branch of the Church, thought, and counselled, and prayed much with reference to this work. My place is only, in the interest of the great cause of Presbyterian missions on this continent, and to the heathen, and of the

education of the youth of the Church to meet the wants of the age, to anxiously express the hope that the present will seem to you the time to take steps to give those thoughts and counsels and prayers a visible and operative shape. Brethren, God's joining together of those whom chiefly exterior and alien influences have so long put asunder, is worth a memorial, an abiding memorial; one that shall be for the glory of God, one that shall help to make the Church he has so blessed a light to the Gentiles, and for salvation to the ends of the earth.

The first step towards the accomplishment of this object should be fervent prayer to God to pour out abundantly of His Holy Spirit from on high upon our own souls, upon our churches, upon our young men. O, for a Pentecostal effusion, to inspire us with the faith and the zeal of the first followers of our Master!

Christian Stewardship.

A most hopeful evidence of the sincerity of the desire of our people generally to secure the blessing of God upon the union of the two branches of the Church is seen in the cordiality with which the Synods have adopted the recommendations of the General Assembly as to systematic contributions to our missionary, educational, and other work. There is an apparent realization of the purpose of God in bringing about this great event, and a determination that it shall be for His glory. One of our most energetic Synods brings the matter practically before its churches in the form of two resolutions. The first "fully and heartily approves of the recommendations of the General Assembly on the subject of Systematic Beneficence, and earnestly commends the same to the prayerful consideration of all who love the Lord." The second orders that the action of the General Assembly on this all-important subject be published in a form that will generally reach them, "that our people may know and consider the same; and we beseech them, as they would obey their Saviour, to give freely, even as God has given to them, to the various objects recommended by the General Assembly, and in the proportion recommended; and we advise and exhort each one to give, if possible, during the present year not less than" the sum mentioned in the paper of the Assembly as that which each member of the Synod should contribute "to these objects." What remains is that the pastor of each flock should faithfully adhere to the appointments of the Assembly for the several collections; heartily interest his people by spreading before them the facts which the Boards furnish; and do his utmost to have "each" soldier in the army of the Cross feel that he has something to give, something to suffer, something to do for Christ on earth, something to win, in the triumphs of earth, and in the rejoicings of the skies.

Many profess to desire a general revival of religion. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Our January Payment.

The payment of the appropriations for the quarter ending on the first of January is the one for which, of the four occurring during the year, we feel most solicitude. Our chief collections are taken up in March. We need now the assistance of the churches that have yet given us nothing this year. We would say with gratitude that the Lord has sent to us an increased number of students for the ministry, and

that the Board has been able to meet, moreover, a much larger draught than ordinary for *extra* allowances. We need now liberal contributions to carry us through the year.

Female Education.

At the very foundation of any education which is to thoroughly affect the tone of society must be that of the female sex. Devoted and intelligent mothers are the first human influence to frame the characters of the men who are to subdue the world to Jesus Christ. And it is the female mind and heart which are most susceptible to efforts to mould them for good.

The Church cannot neglect female education. It is with great satisfaction we observe the revived interest in it, in some parts of our country. We have occasionally given notices of female institutions in the remote States. We would now express our earnest hopes for the success of two new ones in this State.

One at Chambersburg is based upon a noble benefaction from Miss Wilson, who wisely seeks to make the property which God has placed in her hands useful in the highest degree, by devoting it to the intellectual and religious improvement of her own sex. This beginning should be sustained, as there is reason to think it will be, by the cordial and effective aid of Christians in that region.

In the vicinity of Pittsburgh, brethren have become awake to the necessity of a vigorous effort to save the daughters of the Church from falling into the hands of others, and to furnish them with the advantages of a first-class female institution. The name, "Pennsylvania Female College," has been adopted for it. A generous church in the neighbourhood of the city has offered twenty thousand dollars to the cause. Steps have been taken to secure "a fund of at least one hundred thousand dollars to begin with." The importance of pressing forward until this amount has been obtained, and much more, and until such an institution is planted as a light and blessing to the whole region, cannot be too strongly urged. May the blessed Master smile upon this and kindred efforts, the end of which is to the glory of His name. Let every earnest servant lend a helping hand.

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN OCTOBER, 1869.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pby of Blairstown—Johnstown ch</i>	\$28 50
<i>Pby of Baltimore—Govane Chapel, of which 3 92 from Sab-sch</i>	16 50
<i>Pby of Bureau—Princeton 1st ch Sab-sch</i>	5 50
<i>Pby of Carlisle—Landsburg ch</i>	7 50
<i>Pby of Des Moines—Garden Grove ch</i>	2 50
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown—Rahway 1st ch, C P Wilson</i>	10 00
<i>Pby of Hudson—Goodwill ch</i>	30 00
<i>Pby of Huntingdon—Lewistown ch</i>	57 63
<i>Pby of Milwaukee—Holland ch</i>	6 00
<i>Pby of Nassau—South Third Street ch Williams- burgh 28 31; Miss Bruce 10; Ross Street ch 23 49</i>	61 80
<i>Pby of New York—German ch New York</i>	10 00
<i>Pby of Palmyra—Birdseye Ridge ch</i>	1 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central—Hestonville ch</i>	5 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d—Catasauqua ch</i>	10 00
<i>Pby of Rochester City—Phipps ch</i>	10 00
<i>Pby of Rock River—Zion ch 3; Scales Mound ch 3</i>	6 00
<i>Pby of Saltsburg—Appleby Manor ch 5 63; Crook- ed Creek ch 1 87; Curries' Run ch 12 50 20 00</i>	
<i>Pby of St Clairsville—Woodsfield ch</i>	4 00
<i>Pby of Sangamon—Union ch 2; West Union ch 1</i>	3 00
<i>Pby of Susquehanna—Towanda 1st ch</i>	9 10

<i>Pby of St Louis—Bethel ch 12 50; 2d ch St Louis 122 50</i>	135 00
<i>Pby of Steubenville—Annapolis ch</i>	7 00
<i>Pby of Upper Missouri—Sullivan ch</i>	1 00
<i>Pby of West Jersey—Brainerd ch 3 50; Cedarville ch 10</i>	13 50
<i>Pby of Winnebago—Maysville ch</i>	3 00
<i>Pby of Wooster—Holmesville ch</i>	8 00
	\$471 53

LEGACY.

Estate of Mrs. Ruth Terbell, New York, \$1,000
less tax 940 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs S E Y, New York 6; Coloured Presbyterian
ch, Tennessee, per Rev J R Agnew 8 14 00

Total amount acknowledged, \$1,425 53

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Recent Intelligence.

DEATH OF MR. REUTLINGER.—It is with much regret that we learn the death of the Rev. Salomon Reutlinger, at Benita, July 17th. His disease was erysipelas, which hindered his communion with the Christian friends who ministered to him in his last days, but his life of simple, earnest piety leaves no room for doubt that it was gain for him to die. Mr. Reutlinger was a native of Switzerland, but was appointed as a missionary of the Board after being for some years the pastor of a church in Wisconsin. His widow will receive the tender sympathy of our readers. They will be glad to learn that she will continue in the missionary work, with special reference to the instruction of women and children.

NEW MISSIONARIES SENT OUT.—The Rev. Messrs. David N. Lyon, Algernon Marcellus, and William E. McChesney, and their wives, embarked for China, from New York, on the 1st of November. Mr. Lyon is a member of the Presbytery of Wooster, and his destination is to Hangchow. Mr. Marcellus is a member of the Presbytery of West Lexington, and Mr. McChesney of the Presbytery of Monmouth; they will go to Canton. At San Francisco it is expected that this company will be joined by the Rev. Andrew P. Happer, D.D., returning to Canton, with his wife and children, except his oldest son, whom he leaves at college, and also by Miss Hannah J. Shaw, a member of the church of Sharpsburg, Pa., who accompanies Dr. and Mrs. Happer under the appointment of the Board as a missionary teacher. Miss Lucy A. Happer also goes out under the same appointment, to be associated with her father and the other missionaries at Canton in their work. They will all sail from San Francisco, if the Lord will, about the 1st of December. On the 16th of October, the Rev. Paul H. Pitkin, who had been at home on a visit, sailed with his wife for his field of labour at Bogota.—We ask for these missionaries a continued interest in the prayers of our readers.

ARRIVALS OUT.—We have heard of the arrival of Dr. Hepburn at Yokohama; Mr. Capp, at the same port, on his way to Tungchow; and Dr. Martin, at Shanghai, on his way to Peking.

"ADDED TO THE CHURCH."—At Corisco, two adults and two children were baptized on the 26th of July; several persons who had been backsliders had applied to be restored to the communion of the church, and one of them was received again; there were also some candidates for admission.

NATIVE MINISTRY.—The Presbytery of Shanghai ordained Mr. Hwang Wenlau, or Mr. Wong, as sometimes written,) a licentiate preacher of more than a year's standing, to the full work of the ministry. One of the students in the school was taken under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. The brethren of this Presbytery mourn over the death of the licentiate preacher, Mr. Tang Wenm'n. Mr. Wherry says of him, "He was a clear-minded, straightforward, and devoted young man, and as a preacher of the gospel already stood in the first rank."

IN JAPAN.—The missionaries are much impressed with the importance of forming a station at Yedo, and sending soon one or two of their number to live there, and engage in such labours as may be practicable.

DISCOURAGEMENTS IN INDIAN MISSIONS.—The Rev. Joseph M. Wilson has felt

constrained by his own convictions of duty to withdraw from the Winnebago Mission, and he expects to engage in missionary work under the Domestic Board in the West. This suspends the mission; whether it will be resumed cannot now be foreseen. But little encouragement has attended it thus far, yet we grieve to think of this interesting tribe as deprived of evangelical instruction.—The Omaha boarding school was discontinued on the 30th of September. This was caused by the decision of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, on the recommendation of the new Indian Agents, to terminate the contract by which a considerable part of the pecuniary support of the school was defrayed from the annuity funds of the Omahas. This school has been of great benefit to the Indians, though not accomplishing all that was hoped for. Whether the use of the money withdrawn will do more good in the attempt to support day-schools under the direction of the Agents time will show. We hope our esteemed missionary, Rev. W. Hamilton, will meet with no hinderance in the fulfilment of his work as a minister of the gospel among the Omahas, to some of whom his labours have already been of the greatest benefit.

AMONG THE OTHER INDIAN MISSIONS, we still receive good accounts of those to the Creeks and Seminoles. In the former, the boarding school meets with great favour, and many more scholars could be obtained than can be received. One of the scholars has united with the Southern Presbyterian Church, to which her parents belonged. The missionaries are anxious that they and their pupils should be remembered in the prayers of the churches. They also need at least two more teachers; but it is hoped that one is secured, leaving another to be obtained. Mr. Robertson has continued to prepare Creek works for the press.—In the Navajo Mission, Mr. Roberts writes of good progress in getting a house for his family and for a few scholars whom he expects to receive.

AMONG THE CHINESE IN CALIFORNIA, Mr. Loomis is steadily carrying forward his work. In the letter acknowledged below he says, "Last Monday I sent out one of our members as a colporteur, one who has never been so employed before; as to earnestness and zeal, I hope much from him, but his knowledge of the Chinese written character is meagre. At present our church members are very much scattered, but this is characteristic of our work here."

THE RECEIPTS of the Mission Treasury, from May 1st, to November 1st:—from the churches, legacies and miscellaneous donors, were \$60,639; last year, in the same months, \$62,844. From churches this year, \$844 more; from legacies, \$1,857 more; from miscellaneous, \$4,907 less; total, \$2,205 less.

LETTERS RECEIVED TO NOVEMBER 15TH.—From Omaha, November 5th; Winnebago, October 11th; Creek, October 11th; Seminole, October 4th; Navajo, October 14th; San Francisco, November 4th; Yokohama, September 29th; Peking, September 1st; Chefoo, August 30th; Hangchow, September 10th; Shanghai, September 17th; Canton, September 16th; Petchaburi, August 21st; Allahabad, September 22d; Mynpurie, September 9th; Dehra, September 2d; Kasauli and Murree hill stations resorted to from Lodianna and Lahor, September 15th, and September 13th; Benita, July 28th; Corisco, July 26th; Rio de Janeiro, September 23d; Bogota, September 17th.

More Men Called For.

The wife of an officer of the army, who is stationed at Fort Sully, on the Missouri River, in Dacota Territory, writes to us concerning the Sioux Indians in that vicinity. The way is now prepared for Christian work among them. She is anxious that a missionary should be sent to them without delay, and certain facilities

for beginning his labours could now be obtained, which may not long be available.—The Presbytery of Southwest Missouri, urgently recommend the Board to send a missionary to the Quapaws, Senecas, and Shawnees, in the northeastern part of the Indian Territory.—And for the Pima and Maricopa Indians, in Arizona, an urgent request for a missionary has been made by some Christian ladies, one of them the wife of an officer of the army, in that territory.—In Liberia, there is pressing need of a well-qualified teacher, who would act also as superintendent, in the Alexander High School; the church in Monrovia also is still vacant.—In the Corisco Mission, the lamented death of the Mr. Reutlinger makes the call for additional labourers still more urgent.—At Tungchow, China, Petchaburi, Siam, and Chieng-mai, Laos country, the calls for missionary physicians have not yet been heard; it is indeed a matter of surprise as well as of regret that such calls for medical missionaries should have been so long addressed to the Church apparently in vain.

Besides the instances mentioned above, there is what may be described as a general call for more men from most of the missions—from South America, India, Siam, China, and Japan. In all these countries, the labourers are few, while the harvest is great. In whatever light we may consider the call for labourers, still their number should be increased. Be it so that our missionary plans should contemplate as one of their main objects the training of a native ministry, in whose hands the work of preaching the gospel to their countrymen can be placed; and let it be admitted that, in some countries, the work of our missionary brethren may have reached such a stage of progress, or else may be so modified by the work of other churches and by the more urgent claims of other fields of labour, that the Board should aim at expansion mainly by means of native labourers, and should endeavour to keep up rather than to increase the number of missionaries from this country; still, more men are needed. To keep the ranks unbroken in any large mission requires new men to be sent out from year to year; furloughs for health, advanced age, and the hand of death make sad reductions of the small band of missionaries in any of the heathen countries of large population. Even in most of the countries best supplied with missionaries, how few are the labourers! The largest mission of our Church is in Upper India, and in those provinces of that country, besides our brethren, there are American Methodist and United Presbyterian, English Episcopal and Baptist, and Scotch United and Established Presbyterian missionaries, to the number in all of about a hundred foreign ordained missionaries; while the population of the country north of a line drawn from Benares to the mouth of the river Indus, can hardly be less than fifty-five millions of souls. The number of native ministers in these provinces is yet but small. For all the people of North India we may safely say, there are not half as many ministers of the gospel as there are in New York or Philadelphia! And this is the state of the case, after that part of the heathen world has been open to the Church of Christ for thirty years or more.

In China the inadequate supply of labourers is still more manifest. The missions of our Church in that country have been spoken of lately by one of the best missionaries of another Board, as "the best organized in China;" the foreign ordained missionaries of our Church, we see by the *Chinese Recorder* of August last, are somewhat more in number than those of any other Board or Society; and yet, what is our foreign missionary force in the land of Sinim?

We may group our stations in three divisions, calling them the Southern, Central, and Northern. In the first, we may take Canton as the main station, from which the gospel may penetrate into the surrounding and interior regions of

spiritual darkness and death. In the second, we find our stations of Shanghai, Ningpo, and Hangchow. In the third, we have stations at Chefoo, Tungchow, and Peking. The population to be reached by these three missions may be stated as follows:

1. Canton, and three adjacent provinces in which there is no missionary, (omitting the fourth adjacent province, in which there are mission stations of other churches,)—population, 75,538,000.
2. Chekiang and Kiangsu—population, 64,100,000.
3. Shantung and Pechelee—population, 56,948,000.

The number of ordained missionaries of our Board in China from this country, counting all, though some of them are yet on their way, and two are at home for health, is but twenty-one. They are assisted by six native ordained ministers, by two missionary physicians and a printer, and by a goodly company of Christian women from the churches of our country, twenty-four in number. And these are all! The whole number of Protestant missionaries in China, as enumerated in the *Chinese Recorder* of August last, is one hundred and twenty-nine. Now, when we thus see the immense multitudes of people, and the mere handful of missionaries; when we look at the doors so wonderfully opened within a score of years for sending the gospel into that country; when we consider the great encouragement that has attended our missionary work there; and when we see how within a short time the Chinese people and our countrymen have been brought into near and even visible relations, so that we are now their nearest Christian neighbours, and have peculiar opportunities of making known to them the way of eternal life, must we not feel called upon to rise up and do far more for their help? Do not the facts of the case make a strong plea for more men? What stronger could be made?

It is to the Lord of the harvest we must look for the labourers. It is to him also we must look for the means of sending them out and supporting them. It is to him, moreover, we must ever look for a blessing on their work. Our prayers should constantly have reference to these things.

Progress in India.

The Rev. J. J. Ullmann sends us the following accounts of church matters, and of the training school for native women, in stations of the Furrukhabad Mission. These accounts will be read with great interest. Mr. Ullmann's letter is dated at Futtehgurh, August 6th.

In all our stations of the Furrukhabad Mission we are going to have native pastors for the churches. The subject has been brought forward, preached upon, talked about, and the native brethren are now looking about for pastors. The subject of Systematic Beneficence, too, has been brought forward, and is, to some degree, acted upon. I called the church together, explained everything, reminded them of their duty, brought forward Scripture and example, and the result was

that the church declared themselves willing to make a collection "every first day of the week," and they have been doing it. A deacon being required to take charge of it, they chose one of them, Brother —, to be their deacon, whom I ordained the Sunday after. He is a man who is, perhaps, the best they could have chosen for that post.

The next was the election of a pastor. I advised them not to be in a hurry, but look about, have their own meetings first without a missionary, and see whether they could agree in regard to such a pastor. I told them that, in my opinion, a well educated, pious brother, who does not know English, but has the requisite gifts and graces, as mentioned in 1 Tim. iii., would be much preferable to one who knows English; and that, moreover, such a brother would be contented with a smaller salary (say twenty-five or thirty rupees a month at most—twelve or fifteen dollars) than another, who,

on account of his knowledge of English, whether much or little, expects something between seventy and one hundred rupees, if not more. And, as they were to become self-sustaining churches, they must not fix upon a monthly allowance which the church could not pay. I also said that, on account of their small number, they could, perhaps, not pay the whole at once; but, if they did their duty, we, the Mission, would assist them, until they were large enough to support their pastor entirely themselves. Our church is but small. There are altogether only about fourteen heads of families. At our principal meeting, twelve were present (besides women and children). Although they had not yet decided as to whom they would give a call, they agreed that the pastor's salary (whoever he may be) should be twenty-five rupees, which is, I believe, very good, as it makes the pastor comfortable. They then wrote their names on slips of paper, with the amount they were going to pay individually for his support. I was very much gratified with the result. Every one, even the poor, subscribed their portion, which varied between four annas, or about thirteen cents, and seven rupees, or three dollars and fifty cents, per month. Several gave one rupee per month; one, who has a salary of twenty rupees per month, wrote on the paper, "I think I can give two rupees a month." Another wrote, "A tenth of my salary," viz: seven rupees. Altogether they put down their names for fifteen rupees, eight annas, which is indeed very good. Thus the Mission would have to pay only some ten rupees per month to bring it up to twenty-five. This is, of course, entirely distinct from their "First day of the week" collections, which are for the poor in the church, church expenses, Bible, tract, and missionary societies, &c. It was suggested by one that the collections for their future pastor might now already be made every month, since the money might be required for some good purpose. All fell in with it, and a month ago our Deacon B—— brought me fourteen rupees and eight annas, collected in this way, which the church wished should be sent down as their contribution to the Tract Society at Allahabad. I thanked the Lord and them for it.

A few days ago the news was brought here that a poor brother at Chhabramow was through sickness unable to support himself and his aged father and mother. I now hear that the Furukhabad church

is going to send him a part or the whole of the second month's collection for the future pastor, to help him in his distress. I may as well mention here, that once before on a similar occasion this church and the Rukha church had sent him twenty-eight rupees. Such facts show that our native brethren understand the passage, "Every one that loveth him that begat, loveth him also that is begotten of him."

I do not yet know on whom their choice for a pastor may fall, but my prayer to the Lord continually is, that he would give them a pastor according to his heart, who shall feed them with knowledge and understanding. I believe it will soon be decided.

I believe the native church at Rukha is also seriously thinking about the election of a native pastor.

At Mynpurie the subject was brought forward at a meeting held by the brethren there, and the church is going to move in the matter as soon as they see their way clear; and they have pledged themselves (though there are but seven heads of families or independent church members) to pay ten rupees per month toward the support of their future pastor, so that the mission will have to add only fifteen rupees, until they are strong enough to pay the whole.

At Etawah, I heard the other day, the native church have elected one of their own numbers to be their pastor. Soon we shall have a Presbytery meeting, where no doubt this subject will also be brought forward.

Last month when I felt rather tired and longed for a little change, I went over to Mynpurie to visit the brethren there. I enjoyed my stay there very much indeed. Both the brethren are actively engaged in their work, and are happy in it.

I was particularly pleased with what I heard about Mrs. Alexander's schools at Mynpurie. They are judiciously and energetically carried on. There is a Normal school of native females who are trained for becoming teachers. Hitherto they have been all very comfortable, as they had only to study and they received monthly from two to four rupees, to enable them to stay at the Normal school. Mrs. A. thought that the time had come, that some of them at least should work for their money by teaching a school themselves. She told this to the oldest and cleverest of the women, and that she expected her to conduct a school from the first of the

next month. The woman resisted and said she would rather leave the school than become a teacher. No one who knows the great prejudices of the females in regard to schools, will be surprised at that. It is very extraordinary to them, and entirely opposed to what they consider to be right, that a girl should think of *learning* to read and write, and it is in consequence of this that we have met with such great opposition in establishing female schools. But here is something worse. A woman is to be a *teacher* herself among girls. The wonder is not that we meet with resistance and that we can succeed only with very great difficulty, but that we succeed at all, and that the obstacles are surmounted.

Well, when this woman refused to become a teacher, Mrs. A. showed her that she would not put up with nonsense. She remained firm and dismissed her. This fact made the other female normal scholars think a little about what is before them; and when Mrs. A. told the second woman, that she was to begin a school, she did not refuse, but expressed herself willing to do whatever Mrs. A. wanted her. The fact is, they had been informed by that lady, that she would rather break up the whole normal school, than merely keep them there to be taught and supported for show. The school had been established for a certain purpose and if that purpose could not be attained, the school would be abolished.

Soon after the second woman of the normal class had expressed her willingness to conduct a school, the first also changed her mind, and came and expressed herself willing to do whatever she was ordered. Thus Mrs. A., by her tact and firmness, has gained the victory, and it is a great victory over the prejudices of the people. Other difficulties will arise, and I should not be surprised, if some of the schools were to be closed for some time. But the difficulties will be surmounted, and every new victory give the new institution, viz.: *female schools taught by female teachers*, greater stability, until by and by it will be looked upon, as the boys' schools established every where in the country. I hear that a lady is coming out from America to help Mrs. A. That lady will, under Mrs. A.'s firm and judicious direction, have an excellent field of labour.

Brief Review of a Year's Work in Japan.

The Rev. D. Thompson, writes from Yokohama, September 27th, giving a report of the work of himself and the other missionaries for the preceding year.

It once more is my duty to record the progress of this mission during the past year, and I do so with gratitude to God, who has preserved us all in life, restored absent ones, and added fresh labourers to our numbers; and more, has given us some tokens of his favour in the conversion of a few souls from heathenism.

Till Dr. Hepburn left this place, in the early part of the month of February of this year, preaching services were held in the dispensary for the benefit of the patients; but from the time of the doctor's departure onwards, though the daily treatment of the patients has been kept up as heretofore, the other service was for a time discontinued. The only properly religious service, during the latter half of the year, was the regular Sabbath service attended by converts and by others from amongst Japanese who appear to be favourably disposed towards us and our work. In addition to this meeting the Japanese converts themselves, some short time ago, started a meeting for the careful study of the scriptures. This also will require the care of your missionaries.

The classes of young men seeking an acquaintance with the English language, continue to receive our daily attention. These classes are made up of superior young men, and have numbered from twenty to thirty or more persons. Some of these study the Bible at their own request, and no backwardness is now manifested, nor reluctance to take up this study. Some of the native children, male and female, have been induced to attend the foreign Sabbath-school, where they are made acquainted with many religious truths.

As was to have been expected, the work of translation, in the absence of the oldest members of the mission, has been much at a stand still. The younger members have devoted themselves to the study of the language with good success.

Among the events of the year which we record with gratitude, are the baptism, in public, of our first converts; the accession of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Carrothers to our missionary force; and

the return of Dr. Hepburn with improved health from a visit to the United States. All these things are calculated to inspire us with hope as to the future. Those of the Japanese who have been received into the church give us much comfort by their improvement, and by their constancy in following on to know the Lord. We note also, as a token for good, the number of Chinese tracts and bibles which have been sold and given away to those who came after them, especially during the latter part of the year. Doubtless many more would be sold if the Bible or any portion of it were printed in Japanese, in a style intelligible to the mass of the people. This thought should hasten on the work of translation. Though the old edicts against the Christian religion have not yet been repealed, yet all regard the government as more favourably disposed than hitherto.

Pagan not yet Dead.

John Bunyan testifies that Christian on his travels was once thrown into dreadful terror by the appearance of two old giants, Pope and Pagan; though he further reports him as saying, "but I have learned since, that Pagan has been dead for many a day."

If Christian were to pass this way during any of these years he would perceive many evidences that Pagan is still alive, and possessed with the same disposition and temper as he exhibited in his younger days.

For example, here in San Francisco he has many temples, though he is living under the shadow of Christian churches; he keeps up his new moons and full moons, his feasts and fasts, and insists on the observance of the ancient rites of worship; and sometimes "grins and bites his nails" at the pilgrims as bad as Pope did, and if he had more strength there is reason to believe that Pilgrim might still see the bones, blood, and ashes about the mouth of his cave as bad as he found that one at the end of the valley through which he had nearly passed after his great tribulation; and one reason why I think thus is on account of some expressions which were written on one of our Christian books, and left in the chapel. The writing must have been done during the service on the Sabbath by some one in the congregation. When translated, the expressions, most of which are aimed at the Chinese assistant, are as follows:

"Living on to old age, and doing nothing worthy of being handed down; this is to be a pest." (The assistant is an old man, and especially obnoxious for having seemingly deserted the sages.)

"That kind of strange doctrine—beat the gongs and assail him."

(The above are quotations from the Analects of Confucius.)

"He acts not a man, but a demon." (Our venerable old teacher is here reflected upon as having ceased to be a man—a Chinaman—and been turned into a foreign devil.)

"Deflected, depraved doctrines deceive the people. They are emphatically to be abhorred."

"The person who can abuse the sages. What punishment is he not worthy of?"

"We have our Main emperor and Shun emperor; why should we listen to you, ye animals?" (That is, we have our learned men, and our good men; our literature and our doctrines, why should we listen to people as stupid as the beasts?)

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The Kinds of Missionary Work in China.

1. The kinds of missionary work in China are as various as Christian work in America. Fortunately the Chinese are a reading people, having not only their classics, but the school, the printed book and moral tract, the latter attacking the vices and upholding the virtues of the age. Preaching in chapels; visiting families; conversing with individuals and disseminating religious, and even scientific truth by the press, are the usual methods. In connection with all the leading missions are hospitals for dispensing medicine, for treating disease, and for surgical operations. Christian missions in this direction, are doing an immense amount of good, and winning the approbation and support of all thoughtful men, and the benediction of God. The human system in China has many diseases; and while there are many native physicians or specialists for external and internal troubles, yet they really know very little about the divine healing art. To any one longing for difficult cases and a fine hospital practice, let him go to China. These missionary hospitals have Chinese assistants, who, from time to time leave their positions with considerable knowledge and skill, and commence practice among their countrymen. I would say

here, however, that one of the best physicians in China, is Dr. Wong, of

Canton, a pure Chinese, educated in Europe.—*Dr. V. D. Collins.*

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN OCTOBER, 1869.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Second ch Albany 166 30; 1st ch Schenectady 542 33 708 72

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Centre-ville ch 29; Sab-sch 25 = 54; Plain Grove ch 81. *Pby of Allegheny City*—Industry ch Sab-sch 6; Aunt Margaret's class 5; Mrs Van Eman and children, Clintonville ch, for Laos Press 10; Bridgewater Sab-sch 30, Miss'y Soc'y 7 51 = 37 51. *Pby of Beaver*—Westfield Sab-sch 40. *Pby of Erie*—Coneautville ch 17; Harmonsburg ch 11 70 27 21

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Central ch, Baltimore 84 10; 12th ch Sab-sch, Baltimore 10, Mrs Wylie's Bible Class 20. Mrs Maxwell's Bible Class 25 = 55; Govane Chapel 25 56, Sab-sch 11 94 = 37 50. *Pby of Carlisle*—Landsburg ch 50; Williamsport ch Sab-sch 10. *Pby of Potomac*—North ch, Washington 25, Sab-sch 28 27 = 63 27. *Pby of Rio de Janeiro*—Ponson Alegre ch 5 294 87

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Bureau*—First ch Sab-sch, Princeton 25; Andover Sab-class 1 35. *Pby of Chicago*—First ch Rockford. N C Thompson 10, Sab-sch 25 = 125. *Pby of Schuyler*—Bar-dolph ch 8 30 159 85

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Cincinnati*—Seventh ch Cincinnati mo con 21 67; Walnut Hill ch 3 91. *Pby of Oxford*—Hamilton ch 18 42 98

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—Synodical Miss'y Meeting 90. *Pby of Bloomington*—Omargo ch 19 44; Fair Ridge Sab-sch 4 40; Towanda Sab-sch 16. *Pby of Palestine*—Charleston ch 20. *Pby of Peoria*—Tonlon ch 3. *Pby of Sangamon*—Union ch 3; West Union ch 2 157 84

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Madison*—Graham ch 11 35

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Dubuque*—Scotch Grove Sab-sch 10 50. *Pby of Vinton*—Vinton ch mo con 5 50 16 00

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Palmyra*—Bird's Eye Ridge ch 1. *Pby of St Louis*—Nazareth ch 11 45; Zion ch 13 45; Salem ch 20 45 90

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Elizabethton*—First ch Rahway, C P Williamson 20. *Pby of Lur-erne*—Wilkesbarre Sab-sch 175. *Pby of Mon-mouth*—Manalapan ch 60. *Pby of Newton*—Upper Mt Bethel ch 20, Sab-sch 4 13, Earnings of Mary E, Susey H, and Lizzie C 75 cts = 24 93. *Pby of New Brunswick*—First ch Cranberry 142 50; Lawrenceville High ch mo con 27 04, S M H 100 = 127 04. *Pby of Passaic*—Wickliffe ch mo con 10 63; 3d ch Newark 9 93; 1st ch Morris-ton 20. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Towanda ch 3 mo on Envelope Plan 72 80 662 77

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Rye ch mo con 69 66. *Pby of Nassau*—First ch Brooklyn mo con 45 98; Astoria ch mo con 20; Throop Ave ch 14 52; South 3d St ch Williams-burgh mo con 29 85; Geneva ch Brooklyn, mo con 15 60; East Williamsburgh ch 4; Jamaica ch, L 1 19 78; German ch, Williamsburgh 5. *Pby of New York*—Brick ch 56 11; Brick ch Chapel 9; 1st ch Jersey City 7 64; 1st ch Edgewater, S 1 37 70. *Pby of New York 2d*—Sing Sing ch 375; Hamden ch 25; Peekskill ch, mo con 23 84. *Pby of North River*—Calvary ch Newburg 37 88. Sab-sch to sup Rev T S Wynkoop 50 = 37 88 846 56

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfords-ville*—First ch Thornton 30. *Pby of Muncie*—First ch Indianapolis 25 55 00

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Richland*—Haysville Sab-sch 2 25; Mt Vernon Sab-sch, to sup boy at Tungchow 60; Belleville Sab-sch 7 69; Olives-burg Sab-sch 15. *Pby of Wooster*—Mt Eaton Sab-sch 18 25; Congress Sab-sch 4 37; Jerome-ville ch, Levi Householder 5, Sab-sch 14 = 19; West Salem Sab-sch 3 21; Holmesville Sab-sch

15 25. *Pby of Zanesville*—First ch Sab-sch Washington 13; Salem ch 14 171 93

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Benticia*—Big Valley ch 27 25

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Chancesford ch Sab-sch 36 89. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Bethel and Petersburg chs Sab-sch 14 36; Clearfield ch 61 41; Lewistown ch 74 90; Huntingdon Phil coll 21 82; East Kishacoquillas ch 87 23. *Pby of Northumberland*—Lycoming ch, for sup Miss Thompson 22. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Cohocksink ch Sab-sch 55 21; Heston-ville ch, from D M 10. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Abington ch, Juvenile Mission 7 390 84

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—New Salem ch 19 35; Johnstown ch 67 61. *Pby of Clarion*—Bethesda ch 12 75. *Pby of Ohio*—Beaver Sab-sch 4 50; Sharon Sab-sch 15 75; Lebanon Sab-sch 11 75. *Pby of Redstone*—Little Redstone Sab-sch 13 84. *Pby of Saltsburg*—Smix-burg ch 4 25; Currie's Run ch 19 50; Crooked Creek ch 3 82; Appleby Manor ch 5 33; Concord ch 56; Maloning ch 20; Children of Leechburg ch 8 18; Bethel and Jacksonville chs 40 302 59

SYNOD OF ST PAUL.—*Pby of St Paul*—Westminster ch, Minneapolis 3 21; Greenleaf Sab-sch 2 35 5 56

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Iowa*—German ch Mt Pleasant 12 45; Westminster ch Keokuk 110 122 45

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of Steubenville*—Bacon Ridge Sab-sch 11 50; Cross Creek Sab-sch 13; East Springfield Sab-sch, to sup Rev W F Johnson 9; 1st ch Sab-sch New Philadelphia 25; Two Ridges ch, Mission Sab-sch 52 65; Island Creek Sab-sch 34 07. *Pby of St Claresville*—Crab Apple Sab-sch 4 45; Martinsville ch 30; Rock Hill ch branch Sab-sch 5 60. *Pby of Washington*—First ch Wheeling 53; Cross Creek ch 60; Mill Creek ch 5. A Friend 12 = 17; New Cumberland Sab-sch 116 431 30

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—First ch Sab-sch Madison 13 35; Fancy Creek Sab-sch 2. *Pby of Milwaukee*—First German ch Granville 2. *Pby of Winnebago*—German ch Maysville 4; Kilbourne City Cent Soc'y 2 23 35

Total receipts from churches, \$4,734 32

LEGACIES.—Legacy of Mrs Rebecca Hunt 240, less tax 14 40 = 225 60; Bequest of Mrs Ruth Terbell 1,000, less 60 = 940; Estate of Rev Jas Coe, Butler Co, Ohio 100; Bequest of Abraham Brokaw, Crawford Co, Ohio 30 \$1,295 60

MISCELLANEOUS.—H M 5; J H E 5 10; Richard Blydenburg, to con Amelia Blydenburg *Life Member* 30; J K W 5; Gen'l G Loomis 3; C R Fisk 1; J H 100; Andrew Porter's family 67 95; B F Warner 2; Hugh Wilson, Cambridge, Ohio 6; A Friend 20; Miss Brown, Batavia, Iowa 2; Rev L L Sturt 30; Nancy Thompson, to sup teacher in Creek Mission 25; S A Y, to con Frank Brown *Life Member* 50; Lawson Annesley, Albany 10; Students' Tithes, Galesburg, Ill 4; Henry Brewster, Esq. Shirleysburg, Pa 5; Little Willie Cortelou's money box 3 08; Ladies' Miss'y Soc'y, Lawrenceville, Pa 30 402 23

Total Receipts in October, 1869, \$6,432 15

Total Receipts from May 1st, \$90,639 26

WM. RANKIN, Jr., Treasurer,
23 Centre Street, New York.

LETTERS relating to the Missions, or other operations of the Board, may be addressed to the Rev. JOHN C. LOWRIE, or Rev. DAVID IRVING, Secretaries, Mission House, 23 Centre street, New York.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

PUBLISHING HOUSE, 821 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

Letters relating to donations of books and tracts, the appointment of Colporteurs, manuscripts and books offered for publication, and the general interests of the Board, to be addressed to the Rev. WILLIAM E. SCHENCE, D.D., Corresponding Secretary and Editor, No. 821 Chestnut street.

All communications, reports, remittances of money, donations, and orders for books, to be addressed to Mr. WINTHROP SARGENT, Superintendent of Colportage, Business Correspondent, and Treasurer.

Subscriptions to *The Record*, and the *Sabbath-School Visitor*, and payments for the same, to be addressed to Mr. PETER WALKER.

Our Books a Help to Missionaries.

The Synod of St. Paul, at their meeting in September, adopted several earnest resolutions, commanding the Board of Publication, and urging upon all the churches within their bounds to encourage the circulation of scriptural literature. Several members spoke of their indebtedness in their work to the publications of our Board. The missionaries in the Northwest are greatly assisted in their efforts to evangelize the scattered thousands of recently arrived emigrants, and others, by the distribution of small religious books and tracts. The seeds of truth are thus deposited in many minds. The missionary goes on in his circuit. By-and-by he returns to gather precious fruit from his tearful sowing. Pastors are the best colporteurs. Every missionary traversing these broad fields of moral estitution should be supplied with, at least, the cheaper publications of our Board. Will not the Church, by liberal contributions to the Distribution Fund, furnish these needful appliances? Will not the reader of these lines send a portion of the Lord's money to our Board of Publication for this purpose, and do it TO-DAY? That God may baptize us all with the spirit of our Master, is the prayer of many who toil in the ministry of Jesus on the missionary fields of the West.

MINNESOTA.

The Colporteur's Work.

Many persons appear to think that the whole work of a colporteur consists in passing from house to house and selling books. These are sadly mistaken. A highly important part of that work consists in winning his way to the attention and respect of individuals and families whom he approaches, in giving a few suitable tracts to every household, in dropping words of religious counsel and instruction in the ears of all who will hear, and in engaging in prayer whenever the way seems to be open for so doing.

From a communication just received from an earnest and faithful colporteur, labouring in the far Northwest, we extract the following incidents illustrative of the above remarks.

"I lately met a woman who professed to be one of those spiritual mediums, so often met with in this region. She told me at once that she

did not wish to look at any religious books, as nobody believed in the Bible religion but liars and vagabonds. Said I, 'Unbelievers in Jesus and the Bible shall dwell in misery and despair throughout eternity, in that place where the worm dieth not, and where the fire is not quenched.'

"Where is that?" she asked.

"I answered, 'In hell.'

"Do you say I shall go to hell?"

"I say that, except you repent, you will surely perish."

"Then I don't wish to have any more conversation with you," said she.

"Very well," said I. "Will you please read a couple of tracts?" handing her at the same time a couple of the Board's tracts entitled, *Who shall Dwell in Heaven?* and, *Who shall Dwell with Devouring Fire?* Before I left I also sold her a *Pictorial First Book* for her little girl. Who knows but the simple truth taught even in a pictorial primer may be instrumental in leading her to the Saviour.

"At a certain place on my journey I had a pleasant time with seventeen railroad men. While talking with them, one of their number came near with a bucket of cool water. I asked if I might drink.

"Yes, and welcome," said they; "it is as free as the wind that blows."

"While others were drinking I seized the opportunity to say something about the goodness of God in providing for us so abundant a supply of refreshing drink. I soon got their attention, and went on, for ten minutes to speak of the water of life, which flows so freely and so plentifully. I told them that it flowed in such abundance that all were earnestly invited to drink; and, should the whole family of man partake of it, it would still course on as plentifully as ever. The language of Scripture is, 'Whosoever will, let him drink of the water of life freely.' That water is the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, which bringeth salvation, wherever truly received. I then urged my hearers to drink of it, each for himself. I sold them five books, and gave to each a suitable tract, for which all seemed truly thankful.

"I passed these same men again towards evening, and as soon as I came near, one of them said,

"Well, Boss, won't you *prache* us another *sarment?*"

"Well," said I, "what do you want me to preach about?"

"O, sure, an' anything you *plase* sir, will do."

"Well," said I, "in this little book we read of a lad who had a very good and pleasant home, but became dissatisfied, and went to his father, saying, "Give me the portion of goods that falleth to me." Then I went on to rehearse the parable of the prodigal son, and told them that their condition, while away from their heavenly Father, was that of the ragged lad while feeding his swine, but that if they would truly repent and return unto God, there would be forgiveness and joy, just as there was on his return to his father."

Who can tell what blessings such seeds of truth sown by the wayside

may bring to many a poor ignorant wanderer from God? Who can tell how many a redeemed soul may hereafter joyfully testify that the humble and self-denying work of the colporteur was God's chosen means for leading it to Christ and heaven? Verily, the work of the colporteur is a good work. May the Presbyterian Church more and more highly appreciate it, and employ it as a wise means for sowing the seed of the kingdom.

Books for Soldiers.

There is an organization called "The Military Post Library Association," which has for its especial object the furnishing of good reading to the soldiers at military stations. It is largely composed of military men, and has some peculiar facilities for accomplishing its aims. On the application of its officers, the Board some months ago made the association a liberal grant of small volumes and tracts suitable for distribution among soldiers. In a recent letter, the secretary of the association says, "The tracts and little books your Board kindly granted us, have all been sent to the far West—to New Mexico, Oregon, Washington Territory, Idaho, and Nebraska."

It is pleasant to know that many of our brave soldiers at the forts and other stations in those remote regions, where they are ordinarily cut off from hearing the gospel preached, have received these little monitors to tell them of Christ and redemption through his merits.

A Handful of Corn.

Not long since an earnest request for a donation of Sabbath-school books and papers was received from a laborious and self-denying domestic missionary in Iowa. The request was granted, and the gift acknowledged in the following terms:—

"The books and papers so generously granted by the Board of Publication are received. Our children were surprised and delighted. These publications will do us great good. I believe your gift will be like the 'handful of corn' in the top of the mountain, the fruit whereof shall yet 'shake like Lebanon.' All our people, and we are yet a very little flock, are much encouraged by the evidence thus afforded them of the sympathy and interest felt in our efforts to build up a church here that shall be one of the strongholds of our faith in the years to come."

Most gladly would the Board respond in like manner to every application on behalf of needy mission schools, would our churches generally so enlarge their contributions to our Colportage and Distribution Fund, as to enable the Board to do so. We do earnestly appeal to all our pastors to inform their people respecting this good work their Board is doing, and to elicit their assistance therefor.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

- I. **The Life of David.** By John M. Lowrie, D.D., author of "A Week with Jesus," "The Hebrew Law-giver," "The Translated Prophet," &c., &c. 12mo. Price, \$1.25. This volume, which is similar to its

predecessors from the same honoured and lamented author, was left by him in a state needing revision, which has been tenderly and well performed by his son, the Rev. M. B. Lowrie, of Troy, New York. It is in all probability the last publication bearing the name of Dr. Lowrie on its title-page. The many important lessons deducible from the eventful history of the Psalmist-King, are ably set forth and urged impressively upon the reader. It is fully equal to Dr. Lowrie's other volumes published by the Board.

II. The Responsibility of Young Men for their Influence on Society. By the Rev. W. A. Scott, D.D., pastor of the Forty-second Street Church, New York. 18mo. Price, 5 cents.

An admirable little book of 36 pages, which every young man in our land ought to read. Those who do read it will not easily forget the value of life and the solemn duty to spend it aright.

The Board has also just published the following 18mo volumes for juvenile reading. They are all suitable for the Sabbath-school library.

DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE COLPORTAGE AND DISTRIBUTION FUNDS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION, SINCE LAST ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Pby of Blairsville—New Salem ch 5; Wilkinsburg ch 18 45	\$23 45	Pby of Passaic—Morristown 1st ch, Children's Missionary Association 100; Newark 3d ch 20 60	120 60
Pby of Bureau—Aledo ch	7 00	Pby of Philadelphia Central—D M of Hestonville ch	5 00
Pby of Carlisle—Landisburg ch	4 75	Pby of Richland—Haysville ch, add'l 2 92; Mt Vernon ch 20 37	23 32
Pby of Cincinnati—Cincinnati 5th ch 18 50; Walnut Hills ch, by Mrs John Baker and daughter 15	33 50	Pby of Rochester City—Phelps ch	10 00
Pby of Connecticut—South East Centre ch	12 50	Pby of Rock River—Zion ch	3 00
Pby of Elizabethtown—Rahway 1st ch Sab-sch 2 94; C P Williams 9 50	12 44	Pby of Sangamon—Irish Grove ch	6 00
Pby of Hudson—Goodwill ch	30 00	Pby of Steubenville—Monroeville ch 4; Waynesburg ch 12; Bethlehem ch 11	27 00
Pby of Huntingdon—Hollidaysburgh ch 31 91, Sab-sch 8 09; Williamsburg ch 17	57 00	Pby of St Paul—Westminster ch, Minneapolis	16 03
Pby of Indianapolis—Franklin 1st ch	12 63	Pby of Susquehanna—Towanda 1st ch	5 46
Pby of Iowa—Westminster ch, Keokuk	19 00	Pby of Upper Missouri—Sullivan ch	1 00
Pby of Londonderry—Londonderry ch	11 50	Pby of West Jersey—Brainard (Elwood) ch	3 00
Pby of Louisville—Louisville 4th ch	5 00	Pby of West Virginia—Per Rev W R Sibbet, Newburg ch	3 00
Pby of Milwaukee—Holland ch 4 50; West Granville (German) ch 2	6 50	Pby of Western Reserve—Northfield ch	5 00
Pby of Missouri River—Sioux City ch	4 00	Pby of Wooster—Jeromeville ch 6 70; Jackson ch 15 35	22 05
Pby of Nashville—Columbia 1st coloured ch	8 38	Pby of Zanesville—Newark ch	10 00
Pby of New Brunswick—Princeton ch	22 71	MISCELLANEOUS.	
Pby of New Lisbon—Newton ch 5 10; East Liverpool ch 8	13 10	Rev Dr T S Childs, Norwalk, Ct 10; Legacy of Mrs Ruth Terbell, N Y 940; Legacy of Wm Hempsted, Galena, Ill 200	1,150 00
Pby of New York—Nyack ch Sab-sch 5; Palisades ch 16	21 00		
Pby of Oxford—Harrison ch	10 00		
Pby of Palmyra—Birdseye Ridge ch	1 00		

\$1,725 92
WINTHROP SARGENT, Treasurer.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Corresponding Secretary, Rev. H. R. WILSON, D.D.

Treasurer, DAVID KEITH, St. Louis, Mo.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION *in part for SEPTEMBER, 1869.*

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Pby of Baltimore—Harmony ch 15; New Windsor ch 6 25	21 25	Pby of Wooster—Dalton ch 63; Apple Creek ch 37; Holmesville ch 8; Fredericksburg ch 55	163 00
Pby of Carlisle—Upper Path Valley ch	23 00	Pby of Columbus—London ch	10 15
Pby of Genesee River—Oakland ch 6 75; Grove- land ch 8	14 75	Pby of St Clairsville—Mt Pleasant ch	25 37
Pby of New Brunswick—Kingston ch	100 00	Pby of Ohio—Millers' Run ch 9 50; Mingo ch 26 50; 4th ch Pittsburgh 22 15; Montours ch 12 50	70 65
Pby of Long Island—Southampton ch	24 00	Pby of Beaver—Mt Pleasant ch 22; New Salem ch 23 49	45 40
Pby of Fairfield—Crawfordsville ch	9 00	Pby of Redstone—Rehoboth ch	38 00
Pby of Milwaukee—First ch Beloit	33 82	Pby of Blairsville—Unity ch 41 50; Ligonier ch 21; Pleasant Grove ch 15	77 50
Pby of Huntingdon—Beulah ch 8; Bellefonte ch 161 10	169 10	Pby of Allegheny City—Sharpsburg ch, special 20 28; Manchester ch, add'l. special 5; North ch Allegheny City, special 28 11	53 39
Pby of Connecticut—Rye ch	25 00	MISCELLANEOUS.	
Pby of Des Moines—Des Moines ch 40; Indianola ch 9 35	49 35	John Robinson, Ill	1 00
Pby of St Louis—Bethel ch, German	12 50	LEGACY.	
Pby of Fort Wayne—Waterloo City ch	4 60	Estate of Joseph Fleming, late of 2d ch, Mercer, Pa, per J R Fleming, executor	89 00
Pby of Madison—Bethel ch 6 15; Donaldson ch 4	10 53	Pby of Highland—Atchison ch	17 50
Pby of Winnebago—Portage City ch 5 34; 1st ch Juneau 4	9 34	Pby of West Virginia—French Creek ch 12; Buckhannon ch 3	15 00
Pby of Peoria—Prospect ch 38; Brunswick ch 4	42 00	Total for September,	\$2,589 11
Pby of Allegheny—Westminster ch 4 75; Buffalo ch 7 25; Harrisville ch 32; Amity ch 12 50	56 50	DAVID KEITH, Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo	
Pby of Saltsburg—Indiana ch	100 00		

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION *for OCTOBER 1869.*

Pby of Des Moines—Oskaloosa ch 29 50; Hartford ch 8; Des Moines ch, add'l 10	\$17 50	Pby of Topeka—Carlisle ch	4 25
Pby of Albany—State St ch	600 00	Pby of S Minnesota—South Rushford ch	5 00
Pby of Bloomington—Onarga ch 6 03; Dwight ch 5 10; Gilman ch 3 75	14 88	Pby of Kaskaskia—Greenville ch	11 00
Pby of Burcau—Sab-sch of Princeton ch 9 50; Andover ch 3	12 50	Pby of New York—University Place ch 286; 1st ch New York City 2,633 23	2,921 23
Pby of Carlisle—Harrisburg ch 62 21; Lower Marsh Creek and Great Conewago chs 27; Landisburg ch 4 50	93 71	Pby of Steubenville—First ch Steubenville	40 00
Pby of Cedar—Red Oak ch	7 00	Pby of Schuyler—Bardolph ch	4 50
Pby of Donegal—Pequea ch 20; Slate Ridge ch 17 53	37 53	Pby of West Virginia—Portland ch	10 00
Pby of North River—First ch Newburgh 75 31; Middle Hope ch 12 54	87 85	Pby of Michigan—Woodhull ch	4 00
Pby of Vinton—Big Grove ch	11 00	Pby of Sangamon—Union ch 2; West Union ch 1	3 00
Pby of Sidney—First ch Urbana	11 30	Pby of New Castle—White Clay Creek and Head of Christiana chs 32; Lower West Nottingham ch 30	62 00
Pby of Raritan—Musconetcong ch 14; 2d ch Am- well 14	23 00	Pby of Philadelphia Central—Spring Garden ch Sab-sch 18 35; Hestonville ch, from D M 10	28 35
Pby of Potomac—North ch, Washington City	36 60	Pby of Philadelphia 2d—Doylestown ch 22 75; Deep Run ch 4	26 75
Pby of New Lisbon—Coitsville ch	8 25	Pby of Cincinnati—Cincinnati 5th ch	11 00
Pby of Richland—Mt Vernon ch	24 65	Pby of Oxford—Harmony ch 10 50; College Cor- ner ch 9 25; Reily ch 6; Bethel ch 5	30 75
Pby of Western Reserve—Northfield ch	5 00	Pby of Crawfordsville—Bethel ch	8 35
Pby of Iowa—Westminster ch, Keokuk	12 45	MISCELLANEOUS.	
Pby of Rock River—Cedarville ch 10; Galena Ger ch 2	12 00	"J L" 200; Proceeds of land sold in Bates Co, Mo 150	350 00
Pby of Ohio—Pittsburgh — ch	92 65	LEGACY.	
Pby of Susquehanna—Towanda ch	5 46	Bequest of Mrs Ruth Terbell, dec'd, N Y 1,000, less tax 60 —	940 00
Pby of Newton—Newton ch	50 88	Total for October,	\$5,746 69
Pby of Huntingdon—Lewistown ch 60 40; Wil- liamsburg ch 17	77 40	DAVID KEITH, Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo	
Pby of Vincennes—Princeton ch	10 00		

**FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS,
AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.**

Rev. GEORGE HALE, D.D., Secretary.

GEORGE H. VAN GELDER, Esq., Treasurer.

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<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Mahoning ch 89 85		ville ch 5 20; Ottumwa ch 6; Selma ch 4;
Mifflinburg ch 12 85; New Berlin ch 6 75	\$109 45	North Fairfield ch 2 10 30 55
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Woodland ch 37 12		<i>Pby of Indiana</i> —Wapello ch 2 75; Oakland ch 4;
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Philadelphia Central ch 117; West Arch St ch 33 15; Spring Garden ch 69 08	219 23	Fort Madison ch 10 10; Sab-sch of do 2 90 19 75
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Newtown ch 46 40; Slat-ing-ton ch 20; Newportville and Aurora chs 6 13	72 53	<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Council Bluff ch 70 00
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Cross Roads ch 23 50; New Alexandra ch 75 45; Sab-sch of do 12 55	111 50	<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —New Cumb-rlnd ch 7; Cross Creek ch 6; Pleasant Hill ch 12; Uhrichsville ch 8 80; Steubenville 2d ch 53; Minerva ch 4; 90 80
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —New Rehoboth ch 10 44; Clarion ch 15 31; Callensburg ch 5 20; Concord ch 5 20; Beechwoods ch 11; Leatherwood ch 15 80; Licking ch 14; Perry ch 10	86 95	<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Rock Hill ch 11 42; Morristown ch 7 26 18 63
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Sharon ch 15 00		<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Wellsburg ch 11; Upper Ten Mile ch 13 70; Wheeling 1st ch 69; East Buffalo ch 14 90 108 60
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Elder's Ridge ch 9; West Lebanon ch 8	17 00	<i>Pby of West Virginia</i> —Morgantown ch 14 26; French Creek ch 12; Buckhannon ch 3 29 26
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —George's Creek ch 10; Sewick-ley ch 15 38; McKeesport ch 20 45	45 83	<i>Pby of Milwaukee</i> —Waukesha ch 11 00
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Winona ch 15 21		<i>Pby of Winnebago</i> —Weyauwega ch 2; Depere ch 11 75; Portage City ch 9 50; Dodge Centre ch 5 28 25
<i>Pby of St Paul</i> —St Anthony ch 13 57; St Paul's Central ch 45 89; Dundas ch 2 90; Forest ch 2 40	64 76	
<i>Pby of S Minnesota</i> —Rochester 1st ch 11 20		
<i>Pby of Maumee</i> —West Bethesda ch 5; Bryan ch 10; Delta ch 6	21 00	
<i>Pby of Michigan</i> —Westminster ch 12 67		
<i>Pby of Western Reserve</i> —Tiffin ch 10 00		
<i>Pby of Des Moines</i> —Albia ch 7 00		
<i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Fairfield ch 13 25; Crawfords-		
		\$5,359 02
		Collected by A Martien 292 30
		A small missionary box 1 03
		A Chapman, of Alquina, Ind 5 00
		"I D H" 1 00
		Edgar C Wilson's legacy 25 00
		\$5,683 32

GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer,
Office. No. 320 Walnut Street.
Philadelphia, October 4th, 1869.

The following amounts have been received since the last report; viz:—

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —New Scotland ch 18; Little Falls ch 30; Galway ch 5; State St ch 120; Mariaville ch 6; Amsterdam ch 20 30; Tribe's Hill ch 7 06	\$206 36	<i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Camp Creek ch 88 15
<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Park ch 14 20		<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Pisgah ch 7; Bloomingburg ch 14 57; North Fork ch 12 10; South Salem ch 8 75 42 42
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Allegheny North ch 93 57; slate Lick ch 11 05; Clinton ch 3 60; Tarentum ch 20 72; Amity ch 15; Ebenezer ch 12 59; Harrisville ch 15; Bull Creek ch 10; Clintonville ch 3; Mrs "A P," of do 5; Middlesex ch 14	203 44	<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Springdale ch 37; Cincinnati 1st ch 30 73; Cincinnati Central ch 56; Cummingsville ch 14 50; Reading ch 26 40; Loveland ch 10; Montgomery ch 7 181 63
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Little Beaver ch 8 50; Beaver Falls 2d ch 9 75; Mt Pleasant ch 6 55	24 80	<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Middletown ch 11 50; Dayton 1st and 3d chs 57 50 63 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Beaver ch 34; Industry ch 3 55; Emsworth ch 8; Freedom ch 8 29; Pine Creek ch 7 42	61 26	<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Urbana 1st ch 14 35; Sidney 1st ch 17; Piqua 1st ch 15 03 46 38
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Park ch 50; Georgetown ch 19 45	69 45	<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Deer Creek ch 4 30; Onarga ch 10 57; Chenoa ch 6; Lincoln ch 12; Eureka ch 10 85; Gilman ch 2 42 46 14
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Govane Chapel ch 21 84; Sab-sch of do 5 66	27 50	<i>Pby of Kaskaskia</i> —Richview ch 11 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Green Castle ch 40; Paxton ch 36; Carlisle 2d ch 61 62; Williamsport ch 15; Silver Spring ch 14 65; Landisburg ch 12 25	179 52	<i>Pby of Palestine</i> —Grandview ch 6; Arcola ch 8; Charleston ch 15 29 00
<i>Pby of Lewes</i> —Buckingham ch 4 37		<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Elwood ch 10 00
<i>Pby of Buffalo City</i> —Calvary ch 95; East Aurora ch 14 60	109 60	<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —Farmington ch 14 61; Union ch 3 30; West Union ch 1 20 19 11
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Wyoming ch 19 05		<i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —Acton ch 4 00
<i>Pby of Ogdensburg</i> —Rossie ch 11 15		<i>Pby of Madison</i> —Lexington ch 5 00
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Pleasant Ridge ch 3 30; Camden ch 6; Sab-sch of do 3 70; Coal Valley ch 6; Millersburg ch 7	26 00	<i>Pby of Vincennes</i> —Princeton ch 12; Evansville 1st ch 25 50; Petersburg ch 7 66; Union ch 2 47 18
<i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Aurora 1st ch 8 25; Fullerton Ave ch 16	24 25	<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Sab-sch of Tipton 1st ch 4 50
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Morrison ch	12 50	<i>Pby of Vinton</i> —Toledo ch 7 75

(To be continued.)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

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The First Sabbath in December.

Some time ago, a brother in the ministry, who deserves commendation for his success in bringing up his people to church work, expressed the desire that we would put something in the December number of the *Record*, that could be used with special reference to the collection which our General Assembly has directed the churches under her care to take up for her Committee on Freedmen, on the first Sabbath of this month. We feel that he only expressed a desire common to all who devise "liberal things" for the building up of Christ's kingdom. A supplement to our church papers is about being issued to meet this felt want. But for the sake of members of our congregations whom the supplement will not reach, while the *Record* may, we here condense its matter so far as we can.

At opening of the late war, there were in the Southern States four million slaves, at its close these were freedmen, and they so remain. They are now a *power* in our land, a factor in the grand problem of our national liberty, and every Christian patriot feels that in order to their using this power wisely and well, as also for their highest spiritual good, these freedmen must have both intellectual and moral training. To this work our General Assembly has addressed herself, and God has given her good success.

As to *Funds*—While at close of the first year, May 1st, 1865, but \$11,000 had been collected, and but about \$7,000 of this expended on the work, last year her Committee on Freedmen expended over \$72,000, out of over \$79,000 gathered from all sources. Of this, but \$24,252.48 were collected from our Northern churches, while from freedmen's schools and churches were collected \$8,923.71. A single coloured church, (Macon, Ga.,) of 132 members, in their poverty giving \$3,035. The freedmen gave more than one-third as much as was given by all our Northern churches last year.

As to *Results*—Our last Annual Report gives 179 missionaries, (ministers, catechists and teachers,) which is more than *double* the number reported two years previous; 71 churches, which is double the number reported two years previous, less one church; 5,634 communicants, 69 Sabbath-schools, 4,723 Sabbath-school scholars, being in each case more than double the number reported two years previous; also 78 buildings for church and school purposes, valued in all at \$66,680. At Charleston, S. C., we have Wallingford Academy, which reported last year an average daily attendance of 308 pupils. At Charlotte, N. C., we have Biddle Memorial Institute, established for the special purpose of training coloured young men as *missionaries* among their own people. Here, there were 40 students in attendance last year. This institution is considered of the highest importance in our work of instructing the freedmen. Steps are being taken also to establish a seminary for coloured girls at Concord, N. C. This also is very necessary, both for training of teachers and the elevating of the moral tone of society among the freedmen.

But as it was last year, so it is this; our work is *embarrassed for want of funds*. The Committee on Freedmen has not attempted to enlarge, but only to keep well in hand the work of last year; yet, November 1st has found us with hundreds of

dollars due our missionaries for service rendered during the preceding month, and NOT ONE DOLLAR IN OUR TREASURY. Will our congregations remember this and GIVE LIBERALLY on the approaching day appointed by our General Assembly for this purpose, the first Sabbath in December? We ask their earnest prayers also, for God's blessing upon our work yet more abundantly. We may reasonably expect this collection to be the last we shall be called to take, as a separate Church, and that it will be made in the midst of rejoicings over a union long and earnestly desired by thousands. Let us signalize its consummation by one of the noblest gifts the O. S. Presbyterian Church has ever made to her poor brethren. Let this be one great stone in the UNION MEMORIAL MONUMENT that shall be reared to the praise of God in A. D. 1869-70. *Only we would that you should REMEMBER THE POOR.*

The Freedmen are Grateful.

"These poor people," writes a female teacher, "are grateful to me for holding prayers, and reading the Bible and singing. Last Sunday an old man came to me after prayers and said, 'God bless you, my Missis, you have given me two life, two life. Thank God, I can hear His word, if I can't read.'

"An old negro came to me to-day and said, 'Missis, you de greatest teacher out. God bless you, God bless you. You take so much pains with me. When you sick, send for me, I come and nuss you. When you hungry, send for me, I come and feed you. Lord, we ought not to let this good lady suffer. Please, Lord, Fader in heaven, help me in de crop so me can help dis good lady.'" She adds, "I could fill sheets with such expressions, but one sample is enough."

DONATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN IN OCTOBER, 1869.

<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Centreville ch	\$3 00	<i>Pby of Rochester City</i> —Port Byron ch	48 63
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Fairmount ch 6 05; Manchester ch 21 30	27 35	<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Pisgah ch 16; Odin ch 2	18 00
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Broadway ch	15 00	<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Appleby Manor ch 4 05; Concord ch 17; Rockbridge ch 5	26 05
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Westfield ch 10; Clarksville ch 32 25	42 25	<i>Pby of St Louis</i> —Bethel ch	12 54
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Beulah ch	27 00	<i>Pby of St Paul</i> —Central ch, St Paul	28 77
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Concord ch 8 75; Bloomingburg ch 8 50; Pisgah ch 12	29 25	<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Stillford ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —First ch Cincinnati 30 52; 1st ch Walnut Hills 15 47	45 99	<i>Pby of Southwest Missouri</i> —Deep Water ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Hopkinton ch	6 25	<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —First ch Towanda, Quarterly coll	9 10
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —First ch Rahway, C P Williams	5 00	<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Cambridge ch	11 76
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Hopewell ch 15; Hamptonburg ch 32 89	47 89	<i>Pby of Upper Missouri</i> —Sullivan ch	1 00
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —First ch Huntingdon 43 00		<i>Pby of Washington</i> —First ch Washington Sabbath 15; Mt Prospect ch 11 15; Cross Creek ch 45	71 15
<i>Pby of Leavenworth</i> —First coloured Mission ch	2 50	<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Blackwoodtown ch	20 00
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Milford Centre ch 4 25; 1st ch Delaware 6	10 25	<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —First ch Zanesville	17 00
<i>Pby of Madison</i> —Pleasant ch	2 50	Total amount rec'd from Churches	\$819 71
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —New Jersey ch	16 50	MISCELLANEOUS.	
<i>Pby of Milwaukee</i> —First ch Janesville	18 30	Robert K Proudfit, Trenton, N J 5; Mary Vance, Washington, Pa 5; "Special" for Amelia sch 11; Rev S C Logan, special 5 75; Ladies' Soc'y and children's sch to Mrs Murkland 30; A coloured friend to same 10	61 75
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Poland ch	105 00	Collections by Rev. J. H. Bates.	
<i>Pby of New York 2d</i> —Mt Washington ch	35 00	Friends in Montreal, Canada 191 75; Friends in Bellville 42 50; Friends in Perth 34; Friend in Smith's Falls 47; Friends in Ottawa 104 96; Friends in Almonte 5 60; Friends in Brockville 2 60	\$495 16
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Long Island ch	4 68	Total receipts in October,	\$1,314 87
<i>Pby of Palmyra</i> —Birdseye Ridge ch	1 00	D. ROBINSON, Treasurer, No. 78 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh.	
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Catasauqua ch 15; Doylestown ch 17 55	32 55		
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Hestonville ch	5 00		
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Elmwood ch	9 45		
<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —Holland ch 4; Milford ch 10	14 00		



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